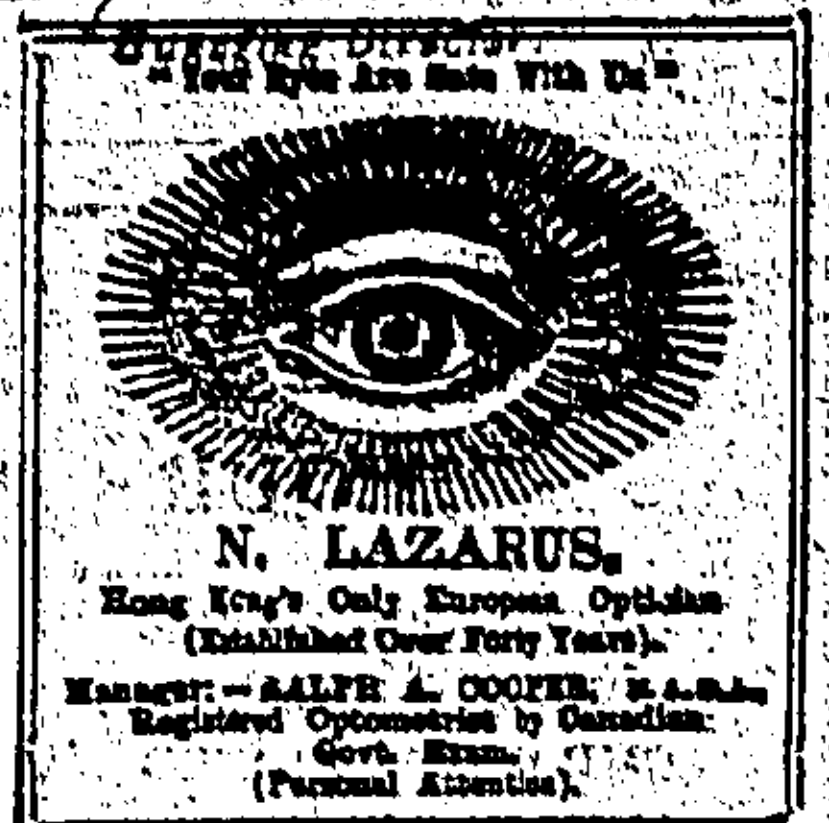


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MOTOR NOTES.

OUR ROADS—GOOD AND BAD.

Shaokwan Hill, and the road leading to Repulse Bay present perhaps the steepest climb to be found in the Colony. The surface is in a very good condition, and re-surfacing work is being carried out on the section approaching Repulse Bay. The section just beyond the reservoir has been entirely re-conditioned, and the surface tarred. Formerly this section—a series of sharp bends—was very dangerous in rainy weather, and bad skids on the muddy surface were frequent. The sharp corner immediately after the passage over the reservoir has been attended to; it is now much wider and better surfaced.

Work on the Morrison Hill corner, near the Royal Naval Hospital, has now been completed, and is a great improvement to the approach to Happy Valley. It has been noticed, however, that there is a tendency for many drivers to rush the slight gradient as they come out of the "bottle neck" in Wanchai. This road into Happy Valley is used by a great number of pedestrians, who unfortunately do not remember to keep to the narrow pavement reserved for them. In a tight fix, a sudden swerve may result in a serious accident.

Present-day cars invariably have sufficient reserve power to take this gradient without fear of straining the engine. Furthermore, it would be well to remember that at this corner there are two concealed exits for motor traffic—the Royal Naval Hospital approach and Kennedy Road.

Exactly the same offence occurs on the other side of the Hill. Drivers coming round the corner from Happy Valley take great pride in demonstrating the bill-climbing capabilities of their cars, resulting in a dangerous climb up the hill towards the cross-roads to Repulse Bay. Drivers also become distinctly annoyed when the traffic constable on duty at the top of the hill refuses them the right-of-way. In many cases they just manage to catch up to the procession of cars which have been given the signal to proceed, and attempt to squeeze through, thereby causing a great deal of inconvenience and sudden braking to cars on the other side.

A number of summonses and fines have been imposed for "dangerous driving" at this point, and it is to be hoped the police will resume action against these reckless drivers if the practice continues.

Last summer the Kowloon Residents' Association was instrumental in having a series of white lines painted on the road in front of the Peninsula Hotel, in an attempt to do away with the continuous misunderstanding caused by traffic approaching the Salisbury and Nathan Road corner. On the left-hand side of the road two white lines were laid, one practically in the centre of the road, and the other curving to the left. The idea of the lines was excellent, and if followed out would have brought about a solution to the problem. The straight centre line indicated that cars wishing to proceed straight across into Chatham Road were to keep on the right side of the line. In this manner the traffic constable on duty at the corner would know the intentions of the driver, and stop traffic coming down Nathan Road towards the Ferry to allow him to cross in safety.

The other line, curving to the left, was for the guidance of a driver who wished to turn up into Nathan Road, and indicated to the traffic constable that it would not be necessary to stop oncoming cars on the other side of the corner. At night, of course, the red and green light signals must be obeyed. The idea ran well for the first few days, and then some "bus-drivers—who are generally too lazy to even change gear—commenced to ignore the white lines and honked for a signal from the traffic constable.

Slowly but surely the habit developed until at last all drivers, including car-owners, had to revert to hand signals for fear of a misunderstanding and possibly an accident.

It is a great pity that the trouble and work caused out by the Kowloon Residents' Association should be allowed to lapse into the disgraceful state of affairs which daily

occurs at this corner. To-day the white lines are regarded as a joke.

It is satisfactory to note that strong wooden stakes have been placed round the dangerous bends along the Kowloon Reservoir, and have been painted white for better visibility at night. Only recently an accident occurred to a party of European ladies on one of the dangerous bends round the reservoir, and were it not for the trees on the bank, the car would have dropped over the side with serious results. The road surface on the corners near the reservoir is in a very bad state, and a better tarred surface would be welcomed by anxious drivers. Better wheel grip would thus be afforded, and less risk of a dangerous skid. When the improvements to the road surface approaching the Hong Kong Reservoir are compared with the state of this road at Kowloon, it will be realised what is wanted.

A man has been busily engaged in painting white lines for directing traffic to the ferry wharf at Kowloon. This presumably is the outcome of the Kowloon Magistrate's remarks during a recent traffic case, when a European was summoned for taking the wrong circuit round to the wharf. The owner drove his car down the middle way reserved for motor-buses instead of going around the ricksha stand. The summons was dismissed, as it was found that no signboard or regulation was posted indicating that the middle passage was reserved for buses.

Nathan Road has been in a state of upheaval during the past two months on account of the pipe which is being laid in connection with the proposed water supply scheme. Following the recent rainfall, the channels became sodden and soft. Plus the continuous rumble of bus traffic, the road has been reduced to a long billowy line of nasty bumps. It appears that the motor-roller employed was not heavy enough, so the large steam-roller is now tackling the job, and it is expected that Nathan Road will be soon its old self again, or perhaps even better.

MOTOR NOTES

THAT FINGER-TIP CONTROL.

IS REAL DRIVING-CONVENIENCE ASSURED?

A lady reader writes to ask whether the "finger-tip control" system in use on certain cars is not apt to be extremely confusing and likely to hinder the driver's actions in an emergency. She confesses that she has not manipulated the control herself, but a friend possessing one on his car and she is considering purchasing a car of the same make.

Well, in the first place we take it that our correspondent refers to the finger-tip control embodied in the Willys-Knight Six and in the new Whippet. The control consists of a single button located in the centre of the steering wheel. It is a most welcome innovation and controls the self-starter, horn, and lamps. At the same time, the control is practically fool-proof.

The System Explained.

Nearly every motorist has experienced the annoyance of having to fumble about with the foot for the starter-button in the past, particularly when one has had to pull up and re-start among traffic. The convenience of having a starting button close to one's hand cannot be over-stressed when dealing with the new device.

Local roads present another difficulty and danger to the motorist which the new control obviates. Night driving in the Colony necessitates frequent "dimming" while the use of brilliant headlights is necessary whenever the road is clear. Sudden bends in the roads, with a nasty drop on either side awaiting the unwary are apt to be decidedly nerve-racking at night when one has to remove one's hand from the wheel to operate a lighting switch for the convenience of approaching vehicles.

Therefore, the finger-tip control is a distinct safety factor in night driving since the driver has absolute control of his lights at all times without removing his hand from the steering wheel.

A steering-wheel button sounding the horn is no novelty. Most cars are fitted with this comparatively simple device which has been incorporated in the new Willys-Knight Six and Whippet models.

And How It Works.

Now we return to our correspondent's query. At first sight it would seem that the embodiment of so many useful functions into a comparatively small button would

certainly entail confusion. In actual practice, however, it is simplicity itself.

The button is lifted to operate the self-starter and pressed to sound the horn. There seems to be no difficulty in working the control thus far.

Then we come to the operation of controlling the lights, which is done with a right-hand turning movement. There is no need to push or pull the button—just a simple turn is all that is necessary. From the central or "off" position, a slight turn switches on the "parking" lights. A slight increase in the turn brings the dimmers into action and a further small turn to the right switches on the normal driving lights while an increase in the turning movement switches the headlights full on.

Therefore, bearing in mind the fact that, in its normal position the button merely operates the lighting switches, while it is lifted to work the self-starter and pressed to sound the horn, we consider the finger-tip control to be the most notable advance in driving convenience since the self-starter and is a distinct safety factor for night driving.

Messrs. Gilman & Co., the local agent of the Willys-Knight Six and the Whippet cars, will no doubt be only too pleased to supply further information on request.

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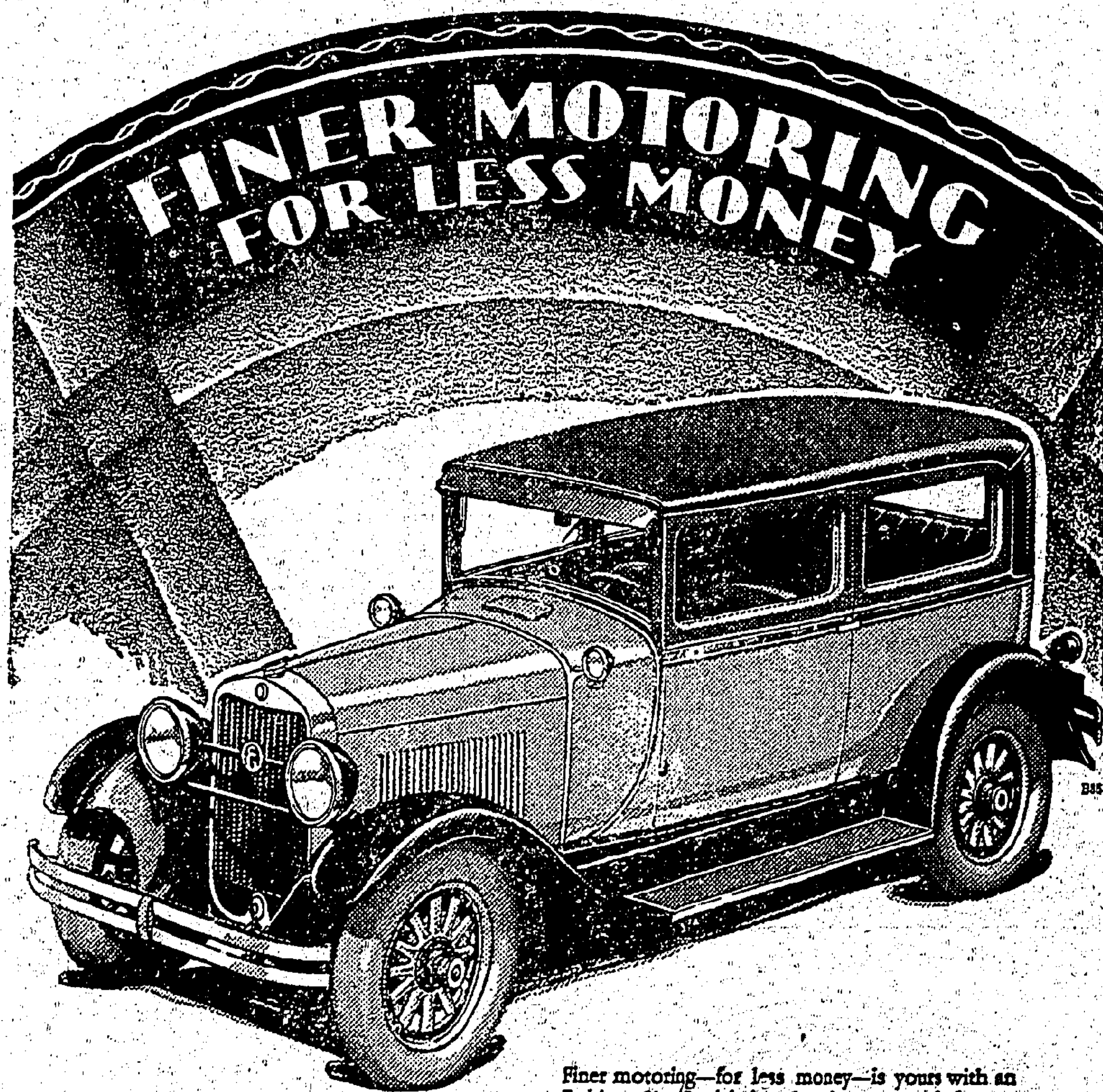
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Besides its value in combination with other foods, cheese is good served plain with lettuce salads, or with certain kinds of pie. If you like foreign cheese, and have any enthusiasm for the continental custom of having a cheese course, you will find that finishing up luncheon with cheese is an excellent means of reducing your consumption of sweets. Or if sweets don't bother you, use for a dessert cottage cheese with jelly or marmalade, or cream cheese with gooseberry jam, for a change.

Baked macaroni and cheese is simple of preparation. Line a buttered baking dish with the boiled macaroni, cover with a layer of the grated cheese, and thin white sauce, then another layer of macaroni, cheese and sauce. Sprinkle buttered crumbs over the top of the mixture and bake in a moderate oven until the crumbs are brown and the sauce cooks up through the mixture.

Cheese souffles should be served at once, as they are likely to fall. Rub two tablespoons of flour with three tablespoons of butter over the fire, and add gradually one and one-half cups hot milk, one cup of grated cheese, and pepper and salt. Remove from the fire and add the beaten yolk of four eggs. After cooling, add the whites stiffly beaten. Pour in a buttered baking dish and bake until it is set.

Cheese in combination with cornmeal is delicious. To make the Italian dish gnochis, cook one cup of white cornmeal in two cups of boiling water, with salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste, for a half-hour, stirring constantly. Then beat in

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Tea

the yolk of one egg. Spread one-half inch thick on a moistened pan. When cold cut in two-inch cubes and placed in a buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with melted butter and grated cheese and bake for about ten minutes.

Cheese balls fried in deep fat make a nice garnish. They can be made with breadcrumbs, or without. One method is as follows:—Mix two cups of cream cheese with one cup of breadcrumbs, and the yolks of two eggs, well beaten. Season with eight or ten drops of Worcestershire Sauce. Roll into balls and just before serving fry in deep hot fat. Or make them with the following ingredients: two cups grated cheese, whites or two eggs, one teaspoon salt, dash of pepper and two teaspoons flour.

As a salad, cottage cheese with strips of green pepper on lettuce and covered with French oil dressing, is very tasty. A rather unusual cottage cheese salad can be made as follows: Drain the juice from a pint can of shredded pineapple. Add enough water to make one pint, and bring to the boiling point. Dissolve in it one package of lemon-flavored gelatin. Chill and when slightly thickened, fold in the pineapple, add one cup of cottage cheese, seasoned with salt and cayenne pepper. Before filling the mold, decorate with strips of red and green pepper.

TAFETAS AND GROS GRAIN.



The perky shoulder bow of bright red taffetas as shown at the top appears on a black panne velvet frock from Lanvin. The two hats shown in the centre are bakus, featuring grosgrain ribbon as an outline for intricate braids and as a crown trim. Crêpe de chine ribbon fashions the turban pictured at the bottom.

These Children Of Ours.

PREVENTION OF COLDS.

Teach your children to stay away from other children who have colds, never to use other people's handkerchiefs, and most important of all to keep their fingers out of their mouths.

Also do your part to prevent the spread of germs by educating your child to protect others when he has a cold by using a handkerchief when he coughs or sneezes.

To prevent colds, give your child plenty of fresh air and stimulating baths. Encourage outdoor exercise at all times of the year. Find out if there is sufficient humidity in the atmosphere of your house during the winter months when the steam heat is on. Do not burden the child with too many clothes, but see that he is sufficiently warm on very cold days. If you live in a steam heated apartment, light underclothing is best, as the child who wears heavy undergarments in a very warm house, will become overheated at play. Light clothing in the house and sufficiently warm outer garments for out of doors are preferred.

Diseased tonsils and adenoids are one of the most common causes of colds in otherwise healthy children. Time and again children have been completely relieved of this tendency by the removal of these diseased tissues. One often hears the remark nowadays that there is too much indiscriminate removal of tonsils in children. This may or may not be true, but every child who is subject to frequent colds should have his tonsils out unless there are strong indications to the contrary.

Constipation undoubtedly increases a child's susceptibility to colds. Children are very apt to be careless in this respect. Many of them suffer from constipation without the knowledge of their parents. Once a child has developed a cold, the most important feature of the treatment is rest in bed or at least indoors until the acute symptoms have passed. A combination of a hot bath with a stimulating hot drink will sometimes stop a cold by producing a profuse sweat. The diet producing a profuse sweat should be simple, the bowels should be kept open with mild laxatives and there should be no exposure to drafts or cold. The temperature should be taken and if the patient shows a fever of 100 or more, it is wise to call the family physician.

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The poor pedestrian, dithering,
Loses all his wits.
Down comes a motor-car
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Touchstone.

HEALTH TALKS.

EYE ABNORMALITIES.

Quite frequently there occurs a tender swelling on the side of the bridge of the nose near the inner angle of the eye with perhaps pus-like discharge appearing coming from the inner corner of the eye. This, Dr. L. L. McCoy of Seattle, Washington, says, is an infection of the tear sac. It should be treated by a doctor to avoid a serious outcome. Occasionally this ailment comes to operation, he says. It is manifested in very young children by much tearing and discharge with gluing together of the lids.

Pink eye, so called, is very common among school children and is quite infectious, according to Dr. McCoy. It runs its course in about two or three weeks if not treated, but can be cured quite easily in a few days.

Crossed eyes are usually quite striking. They are due to muscular imbalance; that is, the eye muscles do not act normally together. The patient is greatly handicapped as far as his appearance is concerned, but the greatest handicap comes from the gradual loss of vision in the uncorrected eye that turns.

As soon as the eyes are seen to be turned, even only occasionally, the child should be taken to an oculist for advice because a squinting eye (squinting means deviation) becomes virtually blind if left untreated. Glasses often straighten and keep straight squinting eyes, but many cases come to surgery as a last resort. Try glasses first!

A POSER FOR A MAGISTRATE.

WHAT WOULD YOU ANSWER?

Miss Kuo Feng Min, 29 years old and a member of the Kuomintang has earned the distinction of being the first Chinese woman to enter the employ of the government by competitive examination. She was No. 38 of more than 1,000 candidates for magistrate of whom 124 were selected, Miss Kuo being the only woman. She is a "new woman," having operated a millinery store in Tientsin and Peking.

The new examinations present a great contrast to those of Old China, which were concerned with the Chinese classics. The most interesting question, according to the Chinese press, was as follows: "What would a magistrate do if he saw a ruffian trying to kiss a young lady on the bank of a river in a deserted district, and at the same time an insane man came along and jumped into the river in an attempt at suicide?"

The answers were various, but one was as follows: "First, push the ruffian into the river. Second, jump in and save the crazy man. Third, escort the young lady to her home, after turning over the insane man to a policeman. Let the ruffian shift for himself."

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"There is still plenty of work to be done by Y.M.C.A. lady helpers and we need many more here," said Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Committee of Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. (The Cheer-O) at City Hall yesterday morning. Mrs. Wolfe, who presided, was assisted by Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Messrs. W. E. Patterson and J. L. McPherson.

A Year's Good Work.

Recounting the year's work, Mrs. Wolfe said it was nearly a year since the meeting was held at which the projected removal of the Canteen from its temporary quarters in Queen's Building to more permanent ones in the City Hall was announced and plans for the re-organisation of the work were laid before the Committee. As the result of that meeting a Ladies' Committee was formed and had met on the third Monday of every month since April.

This Committee was composed of the ladies-in-charge of each day, an Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. In addition there was a Library Sub-Committee.

The Canteen was opened in the present premises on Empire Day by H.E. the Governor, and thanks to the loyal support of the men of H.M. Forces stationed here the work had been carried on very successfully. Ladies were in attendance daily from 4 p.m. till 10 p.m. working in two shifts of three hours and there was ample evidence that their presence continued to be very much appreciated.

Appealing for more helpers, Mrs. Wolfe said that newcomers to the Colony who were interested in this work would be affording real service by sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bellamy, 338, Peak on c/o the Canteen.

Don't Wait for Invitations.

She had heard from time to time that ladies had complained of not having been asked to help. She assured such it was not necessary to wait for an invitation, if they only sent in their names work would very soon be found for them as it was a case of the "more-the-merrier."

The presence of ladies means a touch of "home" atmosphere, which was so sadly lacking in the lives of many of our countrymen in this distant outpost of the Empire.

Concerts, dances and whist drives were arranged periodically and were very popular. At Christmas, a special programme of entertainments was arranged and on Christmas Day gifts of homemade food were sent to the Canteen and much appreciated.

In referring to the report of the meeting on March 6th, last year, she was reminded that they then had to bid Mr. McPherson "good-bye." To-day they very gladly extended him a welcome on his return.

She could not let the opportunity pass without saying a little about the gratitude the ladies felt to the members of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Committee and particularly to their Chairman, Mr. Patterson, for the kindly and ready help given on all occasions.

As retiring Chairman of the Ladies' Committee she personally wished to thank Mr. Patterson most heartily for his loyal support and encouragement. They would also like to record their thanks to Mr. Grenham who was always ready to assist them in every possible way (applause) and to Mr. Ingram whom continued to take a keen interest in this work.

Mrs. Wolfe was very glad to be able to announce that Mrs. D. J. Lewis had taken her place as chairman of the Ladies' Committee. The speaker was leaving for Home shortly and in bidding them good-bye she thanked them for their loyal co-operation and wished them all the best of luck and the "Cheer-O" Canteen continued success. (Applause.)

Mr. Patterson's Speech.

Mr. W. E. Patterson said he wished to express the great appreciation felt by both Mr. Ingram and himself for the invitation extended to them to be present at the meeting. Mrs. Wolfe had already dealt fully with the work that was being done in that Y.M.C.A. centre. As Chairman of the General Committee, he extended heartfelt thanks for the work of the Ladies' Committee and all the other ladies who had so willingly given their services, thereby enabling the Committee to achieve the objects they had in view when their work was inaugurated two years ago. In doing so, he made special reference to Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Alabaster and Mrs. Dudley King, who were shortly leaving. Mrs. Wolfe's devoted service at the City Hall had been of inestimable benefit and contributed very largely to the success of the work.

He had been in close touch with Mrs. Wolfe during the past year and her wonderful organizing ability and help in the many problems that had arisen from time to time had been of incalculable value and he could not thank her sufficiently for all she had done. Mrs. Alabaster had performed yeoman service in organizing and arranging a library and Mrs. Dudley King had been a most efficient and hard-working secretary. They would all, and not least the men frequenting this centre, miss the gracious presence of these ladies.

On behalf of the General Committee he wished them bon voyage.

Mr. Patterson congratulated the Ladies' Committee upon the appointment of Mrs. Lewis as Chairman and said he felt the vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Wolfe's departure could not have been filled more capably.

A Debating Society and a Camera Club had recently been started and a billiard table was being installed. On every Saturday, what were commonly known as "Hikes," which are becoming increasingly popular, were particularly among the Naval men, were held.

During the past year the work of this Centre had entered on a new phase. It was no longer being conducted under the strenuous and perhaps exciting conditions that prevailed two years ago when the Shanghai Defence Force arrived, he went on. They had, in fact, come down to normal conditions and were again in prosaic times, but the necessity for their work, as run on the lines they had been conducting it, that is, with lady helpers, was still there and would continue to exist so long as Hong Kong was a naval and military centre.

Both Mr. McPherson and Mr. Ingram who have had long experience of Y.M.C.A. work would bear him out in this fact which he made special reference to because on more than one occasion lately it had been suggested to him that the necessity for lady helpers no longer existed. Without the help of the ladies, the centre would tend to become a mere eating-house and their aim was something much more than that.

Spirit of Comradeship.

One of their aims was personal touch and it was largely due to the presence of the ladies that they were able to secure this. The speaker supported Mrs. Wolfe most heartily in her appeal for more helpers. He did not think that this appeal would be vain. Like all other work that was worth doing there were times when it may seem tedious and dull and without any apparent result, but he knew from personal contact with the men, how deeply they appreciated all that was done by the ladies. There was no occasion to be down-hearted; on the other hand, every reason to be thankful for what they had been able to do and to look to the future with confidence.

He had been impressed by the spirit of comradeship in the place—to him it was quite uplifting, and he felt they were obtaining more foothold than they had ever had before.

Thanks to Mr. Ingram's efforts in closely watching the movements of His Majesty's ships, and the co-operation so kindly extended by the officers, the speaker was glad to say the "Cheer-O" centre had been much more largely used by naval men than it was.

The foundation of the work is spiritual and all activities were actuated by this motive. Mr. McPherson's wide vision and great experience would be of inestimable value in the development of this Y.M.C.A. centre, which it was the speakers' sincere hope would become a permanent institution, in which the ladies of this Colony would always, as now, have their part.

In closing, he extended thanks to the City Hall authorities for the generous manner in which they had assisted the Y.M.C.A. by granting a lease of the premises for two years at a nominal rental.

Mr. J. L. McPherson said that he was happy to observe that the work had proceeded so well during his holiday and he was pleasantly surprised to see how many men used the hall. The presence of lady helpers gave the place a home-like appearance and touch, and the men of the Army and Navy appreciated such help very much.

He thanked the ladies who had helped during the year and expressed the hope that they would continue to render valuable assistance. Mrs. D. J. Lewis, the new Chairman of the Committee, wished Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Alabaster bon voyage and a pleasant holiday, sentiments which the meeting fully endorsed.

"MOULTRY" MAN ACQUITTED.

ABRUPT ENDING TO ODD CASE.

ALL WITNESSES LIVE TOGETHER?

Leung Fong, who cut a peculiar figure in the dock, with his moulting hair, was yesterday morning acquitted on a charge of murder. His Counsel, Mr. T. N. Thomas Tam, was not called upon to open the defence.

Leung was accused of having murdered Fung Man Chiu, a student of St. George's College, on February 22nd, 1928, at Kennedy Road sometime between 7 and 7.30 in the evening. His arrest was brought about by a Chinese detective named Shek Tui, who discovered a bracelet in a pawnshop. That bracelet was supposed to have been stolen from a young lady who was with the murdered student at the time.

From the pawnshop's records, the detective traced the man who had pawned the article. He was Lee Yau Lau, a blacksmith in the Naval Yard. Lee said that the article was originally pawn in Hinghom by a fellow worker named Leung Fong (the accused). Leung had given him the ticket saying that he had no money to redeem it. He got the bracelet out of pawn and gave it to his wife, who, after wearing it for some time, pawned it again.

The detective then heard that Leung Fong had gone about confessing to at least three persons that it was he who committed the murder in Kennedy Road. Leung was said to have shown signs of deep remorse, soliloquising to himself that money obtained by murder was most unlucky and, to crown his misfortunes, his hair was beginning to fall out. Upon this evidence prisoner was arrested and sent for trial. Yesterday the not very conclusive Crown case was further damaged when it transpired in cross-examination that the three principal witnesses for the Crown, all blacksmiths in the Naval Yard, were living at the same house.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted, and Mr. T. N. Thomas Tam, instructed by Mr. F. E. Nash, defended.

Lee Yuen Lau, the witness to whom accused was said to have given the pawn ticket for the bracelet, was recalled yesterday morning at the request of the jury. He was asked if he could give any particular reason why prisoner should have given him the ticket. Witness replied that he was prisoner's fooki and that was why the ticket was given to him.

Shek Tui, the Chinese detective, said that he received the pawn ticket from Lee Yuen Lau on November 8th. He did not ask Lee for it. He was standing under the verandah of Lee's house and when the latter came down the stairs, he went up and after conversing with him, Lee handed over the ticket.

After formal evidence had been given by Inspector L. P. Lane and a Chinese interpreter, the case for the prosecution closed.

"Some Sort of Evidence."

Before calling upon the defence, his Lordship (Sir Henry Gollan) remarked that he supposed that there was some sort of evidence. The jury, however, would observe one fact that had come out, since Shek Tui had been in the witness-box. Shek Tui had said that as a result of his conversation with Lee, the latter produced the ticket. Evidence given by Lee's wife contradicted that. She had said that the ticket was in her possession and that her husband had one day asked for it saying that another man wanted it. According to Shek Tui no one from the Police had asked Lee for the ticket.

That was a serious discrepancy. There was also the remarkable fact that all the witnesses were living together.

"I feel inclined to ask the jury whether they want to hear the defence," his Lordship added.

Mr. Fitzroy: With regard to the pawn ticket—

His Lordship: That came from one of the men who lived in the same place. Shek Tui meets Lee Yuen Lau, whom he had not known before, and apparently has the ticket on him, although his wife says that he asked her for it; and that is as far as we can go. If the jury think that the prisoner need not be called upon for the defence, they have a right to stop the case.

Mr. Fitzroy: Shek Tui did not say why he stopped the man. His Lordship: No. I take it he obtained information and spoke to him. You naturally did not ask the source of information. (Continued on next column.)

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Mr. Fitzroy: I did not ask him what he said. I couldn't ask that but it would have cleared the matter up at once. I cannot clear the matter up in that way.

"The Jury Can Stop the Case."

His Lordship: Still we have to deal with the facts as they are. The jury can stop the case if they want to. There is some material for the exercise of their discretion. I should, as at present advised, definitely say that there is no evidence. If the jury intimate that, to me, and say they are prepared to return a verdict now, there would be need for the case to go on. If on the other hand, they don't take that step, then the case will have to go on.

Jury Under a Misapprehension.

His Lordship then explained the position to the jury adding that if they thought they had heard enough of the case, they could exercise their discretion and stop the case. The jury intimated that they wished to retire to consider the point.

After an absence of about half an hour, His Lordship directed that the jury be asked to return to Court. When they had taken their seats, his Lordship explained that the reason why he had asked for their return was to make quite sure whether they had understood what they had to consider. It was up to the jury to stop the case or call on the defence for evidence.

After his Lordship had once again explained the situation, the jury said that they did not want to hear the defence. They accordingly returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

In discharging the prisoner, his Lordship said he thought the jury were perfectly right. There was some sort of evidence, but he agreed with their view in the matter.

HONG KONG'S REFUSE.

MR. J. P. BRAGA'S QUESTION.

ANSWERED AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, pursuant to notice, asked, reverting to the question of incinerators for refuse destruction, would the Head of the Sanitary Department please himself in communication with the Commissioner of Public Works at Shanghai, and find out the result, when available, of the experiment about to commence of a small incinerator for which the provision of a sum of Taels \$50,000 has been made by the Shanghai Municipality, to ascertain its efficacy as a means of disposing of wet and dry garbage, the cost of its maintenance and the use or otherwise for road purposes of the clinker obtained.

In reply, the Chairman of the Board, the Hon. Mr. G. R. Sayer, said that he had written as requested but no reply had been received as yet.

A minute relating to the incinerators for the disposal of village refuse was laid on the table and the Board approved a plan for a public bath house to be erected at Dock Lane, Hinghom.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

Last week 47 more cases of small-pox and 81 deaths were recorded. On Monday there were another 17 cases 9 from Victoria, 7 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaikwan. During the week there were also 7 cases of diphtheria (1 British) with 1 fatality.

CANTON'S ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

FEWER BREAKDOWNS NOW.
PRICES AND TAXES LOWERED.

[FROM OUR CANTON CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, February 19th.
The electricity supply at Canton is now practically normal in the centre of the city and breakdowns are comparatively rare. But after several days' immunity from trouble lights went out on Monday for an hour and the cinemas had to close their doors and turn out their customers.

The outlying districts Fong Tsao, Sai Tsao, Shek Wai Tong, Five Eye Bridge and Hong Lok still have the current cut off each night between the hours of 8 and 10 and the Company says it needs generators sufficient to give an extra 1,000 kilowatts before it can supply these suburbs at all hours.

The Municipal Government has reduced its tax from 14 per cent. to 10 per cent. of the gross takings of the Company. In return the Company has been made to bring down its unit price from 25 cents to 20 cents.

The net result to the consumer is a price of 22 cents per kilowatt hour instead of 25 cents. The Municipality has long been saying that the prices were far too high and should be cut. The Company's reply was that pilfering of current went on to such an extent that the prices had to be high. The Government has helped the Company to bring "current thieves" to book and things are "better all round."

QUEEN'S REGT. BAND BEAT RETREAT.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon on the Cricket Club ground. The 2nd Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment are leaving Hong Kong for Malta on March 2nd, and this "Retreat" was, in a way, a formal leave taking of the Colony.

It was an extraordinarily impressive performance and attracted a very large crowd. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), Major-General Luard and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., being among those who occupied reserved seats in the pavilion. Many people who were unable to gain admittance to the Club ground took up their stand on the higher level of the Murray Parade Ground from whence they had a good view of the proceedings.

The programme, which included marches, a gallop, and a popular waltz tune, besides the Retreat and an evening hymn, was well chosen and played, and will serve to keep green the memory of the Queen's long after they have carried their drums over the sea. The audience seemed to be most deeply impressed by the series of drill exercises carried out while playing.

The "Retreat" itself, the centre of the programme, was perfectly played. The first verse of the hymn was given by the full band, the second by the woodwind instruments, while the band took up the third verse again, and the evening hymn "The day thou gavest Lord is ended."

At the conclusion of the programme His Excellency the Governor thanked the Bandmaster.

The Programme.

The programme was as follows:—

- 1.—March, Combined
"The Entry of the Gladiators"..... Fucik.
 - 2.—March, Demos
"Brown Eyes"..... Winter.
 - 3.—Gallop, Band
"Post Horn"..... Koenig.
 - 4.—Marches, Drums
(a) "Daisy from Bandon"
(b) "Controversy"..... Turpin.
 - 5.—Retreat, Combined
(a) Sounding of Retreat
(b) Risings (The Blue Room)
(c) Bugle March "Georgie"..... Miller.
 - 6.—Waltz, Band
"Ramona"..... Gilbert.
 - 7.—Slow March, Combined
"Rule Britannia"..... Traditional.
 - 8.—March, Combined
"Frangene"..... Costa.
 - 9.—March, Combined
"The Soldiers Chorus"..... Gounod.
(From Faust).
- Evening Hymn
"The Day Thou Gavest."
Regimental Marches
(a) God Save the Queen (Old March).
(b) Braganza.
(c) Bless the Prince of Wales.
God Save the King.

ANOTHER CANTON FIRE.

11 HOUSES DESTROYED.
STARTS IN ENTERTAINMENT MATSHED.

[FROM OUR CANTON CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, February 19th.

There was another big fire on Monday afternoon, in Sai Kwan, eleven buildings being burnt out. The fire, which lasted for three hours, started in a match shed where New Year entertainments were being given. The walls were hung with pictures, most of them advertisement posters, and there was a miniature cinema. The price to see the show was only 4 cents and it attracted huge crowds. The shed contained a large quantity of films, and celluloid plus match shed made a terrific blaze. A panic ensued and the number of casualties is not yet known, but it is thought that no one was badly hurt. The place collapsed in a few minutes but by that time had set fire to the adjacent buildings.

The Fire Brigade got to the outbreak as quickly as it could and was hard at work till 5 p.m. before the flames were out. The police quickly drew a cordon round the area and prevented either panic or looting. The damage is put at nearly \$40,000. A few months ago there was an even more serious fire in that part of the city, in which several lives were lost.

TRAMWAY SCRIP CASE.

MORE EVIDENCE OF THE POLICE TRAP.

DEFENDANTS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A committal to the March Criminal Sessions of the two defendants, Chan Fuk and Pui Pui, concerned in the share scrip case was made by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The two defendants are charged with possession and uttering of a document, purporting to be a scrip for 500 shares in the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., and on a further charge of conspiracy to commit a crime. At a previous hearing an official of the Company described the document as a forgery which would have deceived the ordinary man in the course of business.

Further evidence of the arrest of the defendants at the office of a sharebroker on January 18th, when the documents were alleged to have been passed to the buyer, was given by Crown witnesses.

Police Interpreter as the Buyer.

Ying Li Chau, police interpreter, who posed as the prospective buyer of the shares said that, acting under instructions, he visited the sharebroker's office shortly before the time appointed to meet the seller and the sharebroker's assistant, Ho Sik Hung, who was also working under police orders. Witness was instructed by Mr. Lopes, to sit at the desk. At 1.45 p.m. the second defendant entered with the police informer and they proceeded at once to close the deal. The defendant produced the scrip and transferred deed, while the witness pulled out two wallets and pretended to be making calculations of the amount until Sergeant Whant entered the office and arrested the man.

When this was done witness said he went to the street and gave a signal to the detectives for the arrest of the first defendant who was waiting outside.

Arrested Men's Houses Searched.

Sergeant Whant gave evidence of observing the second defendant and the principal witness as they walked up Lee House Street and disappeared through the entrance to an office on the second floor. Witness's hiding place had been disclosed to the principal witness beforehand and he was given a signal. A few minutes later he went up to the office on the pretence of having come to see Mr. Lopes and found the documents lying on the desk. Witness disclosed his identity a few minutes later on receiving another signal.

Sergeant Fitches gave evidence of searching the second defendant's house soon after the arrest, and nothing of an incriminating nature was found. Later in the afternoon witness found among the things taken from a woman detained at the Yau-mat Police Station a slip of paper which bore particulars of the scrip supplied by the principal witness to the first defendant. The woman was the wife of the first defendant.

The defendants declined to make any statements in answer to the charges and reserved their defence.

AT THE CANNON'S MOUTH.

AMAZING ACCIDENT TO CANTON YOUTH.

PENALTY OF ABSENT-MINDEDNESS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Feb. 19th.

A most extraordinary accident occurred on Monday at the top of Kuan Yin Hill through a young man of 19 getting in front of the noon signal cannon just as it went off. The element of the ridiculous is not absent, but unfortunately the effects were very nearly fatal. The young fellow was moving about the place in an aimless fashion, and when shouted to by the artilleryman in charge he took no notice. He was caught up by the great cloud of black smoke and burning fragments of the case, and hurled down the hill. He was with a party of friends and when they rushed to help him they found him unconscious and so blackened and burnt that they did not know the extent of his injuries. He was rushed to the Municipal Hospital where he remained unconscious till the following morning. His condition is still serious but the doctors expect him to recover.

RAILWAYMEN'S NEW YEAR BONUS.

ANGER AT GOVERNMENT'S MINOR ECONOMY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Feb. 19th.

Keen dissatisfaction is being felt by the railroad workers of the Canton-Hankow, Canton-Kowloon and the Canton-Samsui Railways over the authorities' refusal to give them an extra month's pay as a New Year gift. They have always received this bonus and see no reason why they should be refused this year. They argue that, as all the railway workers in north China as well as those of the Sunning Railway in Kwangtung get the bonus, they should be treated the same. A petition has been sent to the Canton Political Council, the Provincial Government and other authorities but the Government has so far made no reply.

General Chen Ming Shui's policy since he took office as the head of the Provincial Government, has been to economize wherever possible. It was decided to reduce the railwaymen's bonus by one half, and these protests are the result.

COUNTERFEIT COINS.

MOULDS FOR COINING LOCAL MONEY.

Three men and a woman were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Court yesterday with the possession of moulds and materials for coining local money and possession of 50 counterfeit ten cent pieces and 25 five cent pieces. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared on behalf of the third and fourth defendants who are husband and wife.

Outlining the case, Detective Sergeant Brittain said that at about 11.30 p.m. on January 28th the police raided No. 78, Yu Chan Street, Shamshui. The first defendant was found in the rear cubicle while the second defendant attempted to rush out of the house when the police entered and before that he was seen to throw something out of the window. This was retrieved and found to be moulds with impressions of 10 cent and 5 cent pieces Hong Kong currency.

Searching the cubicle the police found implements for making counterfeit coins. The police also discovered 50 ten cent pieces and 25 five cent pieces. A number of the coins were found on the first defendant when he was searched. Two defendants were taken to the Shamshui Police Station and later Sub-Inspector Hoare made another raid on the premises and seized some bottles containing liquids and powders. The third and fourth defendants, who were on the floor, were taken into custody.

After further evidence had been given the third and fourth defendants were discharged, the first and second defendants being remanded.

"ON APPROVAL" BY THE A.D.C.

TRIUMPH OF A SMALL CAST.

DRAWING ROOM PLAY THAT "NEEDS ACTING."

The Hong Kong Amateur

Dramatic Company have struck out in a new and ambitious direction in their production of Frederick Lonsdale's "On Approval," which was played to an enthusiastic house at the Theatre Royal last night, for the first time.

"On Approval" is a very modern drawing room comedy, with a cast of only four persons, two in early middle age and none of them very pleasing characters. The theme, marriage with certain limitations, on approval for a month before the ceremony, is not so startling now as it was when the piece first appeared on the London boards, but the language used by the players is rather broad for Hong Kong although it appears to be what Shaw's "Clara Eynsford Hill" called "the new small talk," at Home.

Amateur companies generally depend on a fairly large cast and plenty of pretty frocks and pretty faces to fill the theatre; for every one who has a part, even if it only means one entrance and some half dozen words, can be relied on to see that his or her friends come to applaud, and a good deal of latitude is usually accorded by the audience if the entries and exits are not all they should be.

Nobody minds because they are more interested in the players than the play.

But when the whole responsibility lies in the hands of four people the conditions approximate more closely to the professional stage, especially in a play in which there is little action and the hope of giving "an air of verisimilitude" depends almost entirely on stage personality.

"On Approval" is not such a good play as either "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" or "The Sport of Kings," also by Lonsdale, which have been very successfully given by the A.D.C. The fact that it had a long run in London, of some fourteen months, is no guarantee that it could be undertaken by amateurs, and despite reassuring promises of such ambitious productions as "St. Joan" and "Kismet," a good deal of doubt was felt if the A.D.C. could "put it across."

That they did put it across amazingly well was proved by the constant laughter and applause last night. No word of the witty dialogue was lost and each member of the cast gave a convincing characterization.

The burden of responsibility is so equally divided that there was no hope at all if one of the four had failed or even lagged behind the others. "Mrs. Cheyne" and "Charles" carried "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" on their shoulders, as did to a large extent the three leading male characters in "The Sport of Kings," but all four actors must be very good in "On Approval," or the whole thing fails.

These peculiar difficulties make it almost impossible to judge any presentation of the play except on professional standards, but happily the cast stand in need of no kindness from the critic, and the technical stagecraft, lighting, scenery, etc., are beyond criticism. Mrs. F. G. Hunt and her cast are, in fact, to be heartily congratulated.

Maria Wislack, the spoilt, sharp tongued and wealthy widow who makes all the trouble by inviting Richard Halton, who has loved her all his life, to her "cottage" in Scotland for a month, so that she may find out whether she will like him as a husband, is well played by Eva Davidson. It is a difficult rôle as there is nothing likeable about Maria, as poor Richard found out in less than the allotted month, but Eva Davidson made her a very living personality, and one waited eagerly to catch the next cruelly witty remark which she would make.

The other lady, Helen Hayle, is a more pleasant character although she, too, can say sharp things on occasion. Lucy Greensmith, whose occasion, Lucy Greensmith, whose clever characterization of "Mrs. Purdie" in "The Sport of Kings" will long be remembered, made her rôle as the selfish young duke, and her tolerant affection for Maria, her acting was particularly interesting to watch in the latter part of the second and the third acts.

There remain the two men, Richard, not over-bright, faithful and romantic, and although he does not realise it, something of the selfish bachelor. Mr. E. L. Seton-Winton played him remarkably well, making this not very interesting person at times the centre of the stage, and always claiming the sympathy of the audience. He was best in the first two acts, being not quite so convincing in his rebellion quite as he was in his humble adoration. (Continued on next column).

THE AMBITION OF LIUCHOW.

TO BE THE HANKOW OF SOUTH CHINA.

KWANGSI EXPOSITION POSTPONED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Nanning, Kwangsi.—The Kwangsi Exposition which was to have been opened in October this year has been postponed to June, 1930. Two reasons are given for the delay, first, the fire of last October, which destroyed a large part of the town, and second, the famine which has been particularly bad in the Liuchow district.

However, the delay means that the Exposition will probably be on a more elaborate scale than was expected, and a syndicate in Shanghai has been given a contract to build several exhibition buildings.

In the long run the great fire may not be such a bad thing for Liuchow. Scores of modern buildings are going up on the area in the Southern part of the city which suffered most including a clubhouse and a number of European style residences. What is hoped is to make Liuchow for the South of China what Hankow is for Central China. When the roadway system now contemplated in South China is completed it will be possible to travel from Liuchow to the leading cities of Yunnan, Kweichow, Hunan, Kwangtung and, even to Indo-China by way of Lungchow and Langson. Since the opening of the motor road between Liuchow and Kweichow trade between Liuchow and Wuchow has been facilitated, and Wuchow is the gate to the Canton and Hong Kong markets. Liuchow is itself a big centre of the timber and wood-oil trade.

Manning Activities.

Nanning has just opened a tennis club with General Wong Shiu Hung, Chairman of the Kwangsi Administrative Council, as one of the playing members. Several members of the Chinese Customs Service, the local staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and a number of local officials have also joined and are anxious to improve the recreation facilities of the town. The tennis club has already begun a series of American tournaments.

On February 8th, the Provincial Kuomintang held its annual party convention here, scores of delegates being present from the districts and the local hotels were so full that the dormitory of the First Middle School had to be used as the temporary quarters of some of the delegates. One of the aims of the convention this year will be to secure closer co-operation between district party committees and the Provincial Government.

Of Mr. M. M. Maas' characterization of George, 12th Duke of Bristol, the opposite might be said. When George is faced with the appalling thought that he is in truth the masculine counterpart of Maria, he becomes much more human. In the first act he is inclined to be a caricature rather than a living person, but towards the end he becomes a character and to a large extent replaces Richard and Maria as the centre of interest. There is, all through, a polish and an easy suavity about the acting that is only found among really clever and experienced players. The team work is extremely good and you come away ready to discuss the thing on its merits—quite without the usual prelude of "Very good for amateurs."

Cast and Management.

"On Approval" was produced by Mrs. F. G. Hunt, assisted by—M. M. Maas (General Manager), E. I. Wynne Jones (Stage Manager), J. B. H. Doyle and J. B. Marks (Assistant Stage Managers), G. G. Stopani Thomson (Lighting), H. Davenport Browne (Business Manager).

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NOTICE

THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, Kowloon, on THURSDAY, the 29th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 8 P.M.

BUSINESS:—
Adoption of Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1928.
Election of Officers and Committee.
Any other Business.

It is earnestly requested that Members and all others interested in the Welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the Meeting.

C. M. MANNERS,
Hon. Secretary.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT SEALEY TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR A PORTION OF THE STONY QUARRY KNOWN AS KOWLOON QUARRY Lot No. 2 at MA TAU KOK," will be received at the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE until NOON OF MONDAY, the 4th DAY OF MARCH, 1929, for the Occupation for a Period ending 31st December, 1930, from the Date of Notification of Acceptance of Tender of the Piece or Parcel of Ground, containing about 1.48 Acres, shown Coloured RED on Plan signed by the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS and Dated 10th FEBRUARY, 1929, but subject to Certain Conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a Receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasurer's Office a sum of \$100 as a Plodge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the Conditions, should the Tender be accepted.

Form of Tender and Further Particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

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HAROLD T. OREASY,
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16th February, 1929. [7417]

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SCHOOL REOPENS on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th. NEW BOYS should Attend on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, at 9 A.M. SPOKE DAY will be on SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, when the Sixtieth Annual Report will be presented. COMMEMORATION DAY will be on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. [7414]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE College will RE-OPEN at 8.30 A.M. on MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY. There will be AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION for NEW BOYS (Boards and Day-boys) at 9.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, at PROSPECT PLACE, BORTHAM ROAD. [7404]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 6th Floor, PRINCE OF WELLES BUILDING, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 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CHINA'S POLITICAL SITUATION.

COMBINATION AGAINST FENG.

RADICALS GAINING POWER.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. The political situation is difficult to fathom at present. While there are persistent rumours that Feng Yu Hsiang has left Nanjing feeling that a strong combination has been formed against him which will not allow him to obtain control of Shantung, other reports allege that the State Council has agreed that he should enter Shantung after the Japanese evacuation and clear up the lawlessness which is prevailing in the vicinity of Chefoo.

Meanwhile, the recent resolution passed by the Nanking District Kuomintang inviting Wang Ching Wei to attend the Third Kuomintang Conference together with reports that Yu Yu Jen may become President of the Executive Yuan in succession to Tan Yen Kai, suggests that the radicals are strengthening their position in face of the Central Party in the Kuomintang.

CHANGING FORTUNE.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. The tide of war in Shantung is now turning, according to the latest message from Chefoo. General Liu Chien Nien is now holding his own and is putting up a strong defence at Fushan. Meanwhile General Huang Fung Chi's forces are pursuing the Northerners in the direction of Fushan.

TROOPS APPROACHING CHEFOO.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

A report from Chefoo states that the east beach and the harbour are clear of ice. Regarding the military operations in this area, it is stated that the attacking forces are now at Pashiao, about halfway between Pengli and Chefoo.

DISPUTED COMMAND OF SHANHAIKWAN.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. Although the Japanese authorities have practically surrendered the "five districts" east of Lushan to the Nationalist regime, General Sheng Chien still clings to his hold on Shanhaikwan, at the terminus of the Great Wall, which is an important strategic position. According to official information, the Nanking Government will be called upon to settle the question.

HANKOW BOYCOTT.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. The Japanese boycott situation at Hankow is unchanged, and the blockade of the Japanese Concession is maintained as before. The Japanese police who were stationed at points along the Concession boundaries have been replaced by Japanese marines since February 17th.

The Japanese Consul has informed the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Hankow that prior to the abandonment of the boycott movement against Japan he could not discuss terms of settlement with the Hankow authorities.

YANGTZE CHANNEL BLOCKED.

A naval wireless message from the Upper Yangtze states that the Kung Ling Tin Rapids are blocked, and all up and down traffic is held up by the a.s. Pinglu. This vessel is badly ashore, and is lying across the channel, obstructing traffic.

COST OF KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. At a regular meeting of the State Council yesterday, the Central Financial Committee presented an estimate of \$900,038 for the total expenses of holding the Third Kuomintang Delegate Conference. The whole Council approved the report after short discussion.

REDEMPTION OF FOREIGN BONDS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19th. The Nanking State Council has decided to appoint a special committee for the redemption of all internal and foreign loans. It is suggested that a period of twenty years should be allowed from the date that Chinese Customs autonomy begins, by the end of which all foreign bonds shall be redeemed. A detailed plan will be drawn up by a special committee of which the Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Communications will be ex-officio members.

LEGATION POLICE ON STRIKE.

SURPRISE MOVE IN PEPING.

SOLDIERS GUARD THE GATES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Feb. 19th. Some excitement was caused early this afternoon when the Legation police force, with the exception of three men, struck without warning. The men have not made any demands yet or given their reasons for striking.

It is learned that some days ago a detachment of police made charges against some foreign officials. The commission for the administration of the Quarter investigated them and found that they were not substantiated. They informed the Legation to this effect this morning and immediately the strike followed.

Soldiers from the Legation guards are on duty at all the Quarter gates leading to the city.

HABIBULLAH TELLS HIS STORY.

NO WISH TO BECOME KING.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 19th. Habibullah has issued from Kabul a remarkable proclamation to the Islamic world, in which he declares he is a "humble person who had no aspiration to become King or Amir."

He was, however, a devotee of Islam and when Amanullah followed the faith and the creed of the Europeans, he was obliged to come forward as the champion of the cause of God, to oppose "this irreligious Amir."

He described Amanullah as "this wretched fellow" and concludes, replying "to those who think that the government of this country is the monopoly of the Royal Family" by referring to the story of King Saul and quoting the Koran. "The country belongs to God and he gives it to anyone he likes."

Placating the Priests. According to reliable reports from the Afghan capital, Habibullah has restored the allowances to religious leaders which Amanullah stopped.

It is also stated that the tribes which were supporting the new pretender to the Throne, Ali Ahmad Khan, have announced their allegiance to Habibullah following Ali's defeat at Jagdial recently.

R.A.F. OFFICER SAFE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

New Delhi, Feb. 19th. Flight-Lieutenant Chapman, who was in charge of the troop-carrying plane which made a forced landing in Afghanistan recently, has been brought to Peshawar by a rescuing machine.

His colleague, Flying Officer Davis, was rescued a few days ago.

120 FEET UNDER THE SEA.

THRILLING ESCAPES FROM S.S.

EXPERIMENTS BY NAVAL OFFICERS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

Key West, Feb. 19th. Two naval officers have again tested their submarine safety device, and escaped successfully from the S.S. at a depth of 120 feet.

A fortnight ago these two officers, using masks inflated with oxygen, successfully tested an escape hatch fitted to the submarine S4, which sank a year ago. She has now been transformed into a safety testing ship. The experiments safely emerged from the vessel when she was lying in forty feet of water.

They insisted upon twice re-entering the submarine while she was lying on the bottom and each time escaped easily, the first time through the motor-room and the second time through the torpedo room.

THE BOMBAY STRIKE POSITION.

CONDITIONS APPROACHING NORMAL.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Earl Winterton, Under-Secretary for India, said a telegram which had been received stated that the conditions in Bombay were approaching normal on February 19th.

He denied that there was any question of the Government having imported or assisted in importing anyone to take the place of the strikers.

The Pathans were perfectly entitled to such work as was offered to them. He had acquired whether there was any truth in the statement that they had acted in any way aggressively. He was assured that this was not so. When the Pathans commenced work, they were stoned by strikers.

A NEW USE FOR TEMPLES.

CONVERSION TO PUBLIC USES.

SUPERSTITION MUST BE EXTERMINATED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Feb. 19th. "With a view to exterminating superstitious beliefs and idolatry" and preventing "illegal confiscation of temples by irresponsible local authorities," the Minister of the Interior, Hsueh Tuh Pi, has ordered the formulation of "regulations governing the conversion of temples of idolatry into otherwise useful and beneficial public buildings."

HERO OF ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

COL. FITZMAURICE'S NEW SCHEME.

'PLANE AND STEAMER SERVICES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BURKIN, Feb. 19th. Colonel Fitzmaurice, whose retirement from the position of head of the Irish Free State Air Force was recently announced, states that he has allied himself to important American financial interests and is working out a scheme for a Transatlantic steamship service between Halifax and Galway with air service extensions at each end.

ALIENS RESIDENT IN CANADA.

ENTRY REFUSED TO UNITED STATES.

IMPORTANT RULING.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

DETROIT, Feb. 19th. A Federal Court injunction, permitting hundreds of non-British aliens living in Canada to enter the United States daily to work, has been revoked on the ground that the Jay Immigration Treaty on which the injunction is based applies to British subjects only. The ruling is important as similar injunctions have been obtained for aliens at many border points.

SIMON COMMISSION AT MADRAS.

MANY ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

OPPONENTS' BLACK FLAG PROCESSIONS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MADRAS, Feb. 19th. The Simon Commission, whose investigation in India of the working of the reforms has now lasted for more than four months, arrived at Madras to-day from Bangalore.

Sir John Simon, the leader of the Commission, was greeted on the arrival of the steamer, by a large gathering of local residents, and was presented with no fewer than nine addresses of welcome from different sections of the community.

Sir John, in acknowledging the addresses, said that it was a great encouragement to receive such a striking demonstration of co-operation in a large centre like Madras.

In the meantime, the opponents of the Commission were staging one of the typical black flag processions, while a large boycott meeting was held. The demonstrations passed off without outward incident.

A partial battle is being observed in the Indian quarters of Madras.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

The transport Dorsetshire is due to arrive in Hong Kong at 6 a.m. this morning. Her revised programme is as follows:

Arrive	Leave
Shanghai	Feb. 23 Mar. 2
Hong Kong	Mar. 8 Mar. 8
Singapore	Mar. 13 Mar. 13
Colombo	Mar. 19 Mar. 19
Bombay	Mar. 22 Mar. 22
Port Sudan	Apr. 5 Apr. 5
Port Said	Apr. 12 Apr. 12
Malta	Apr. 16 Apr. 16
Southampton	Apr. 24

H.M.S. Cleopatra is due to leave Sheerness and H.M.S. Caryfort is due to leave Plymouth to-day for China, both cruisers bringing relief for the Station. Both vessels, and also H.M.S. Dartmouth, which left Spithead on Thursday, February 14, are due to arrive in Hong Kong on April 8.

JEWEL SMUGGLING ON BERENGARIA.

CHIEF STEWARD PLEADS GUILTY.

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN DIAMONDS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19th. William Ballyn, the Chief Steward of the Berengaria, pleaded guilty before the Federal Court to a conspiracy to smuggle in diamonds. The Assistant United States Attorney stated that Ballyn was expected to testify on behalf of the Government at the trial of five others under the same indictment. One of the five is a city policeman.

Federal officials estimate that one million dollars worth of jewels were smuggled into the United States.

It is alleged that a regular system was organized involving not only sealers but also the dock police and jewellers, by which the jewels were brought from Amsterdam via Southampton to New York, where they were handed over to the agent who delivered the gems to the wholesale dealers.

The illicit traffic has become so serious that a jewellers' protective society contemplated appealing to Congress.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO LONDON.

WARM WELCOME FOR HER FRIENDS.

KING "GETTING ON NICELY."

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 19th. It was stated officially at Craigwell House this morning that the King had passed a good night. The weather at Bognor this morning was again dull, cheerless and cold. A strong east wind has been blowing and it was necessary to keep the windows of the King's room closed.

"The King is much better and is now getting on nicely." These were the words of the Queen to-day in reply to an inquiry regarding the King's progress when she visited an exhibition of English decorative art in London.

Visit to Exhibition.

Her Majesty had come to town for the first time since the King was taken to Bognor nine days ago, and she warmly embraced a number of her friends when she arrived at the exhibition.

It was keenly realised by all present that the welcome which they extended to Her Majesty was the first which she had received on a purely social occasion since the King was taken ill.

The exhibition includes a large number of historical antiquities, and Her Majesty is herself an exhibitor. The Queen came specially from Bognor to open the function, which is being held at Landsdowne House. Her Majesty will stay the night at Buckingham Palace.

At Craigwell House this evening it was stated that the King passed a quiet day. Cold easterly winds blew throughout the day, but there was some sunshine and the King took advantage of this, sitting by the open window for some time.

TROTSKY'S REFUGE IN CONSTANTINOPE.

ENDEAVOURING TO ENTER GERMANY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 19th. Doubts cast on Reuter's recent report of the arrival in Constantinople of Trotsky, the Communist "renegade," and of his subsequent detention at the Soviet Consulate, have been dispelled.

It has been rumoured in London that Trotsky has never left Russia, but Reuter's Moscow correspondent to-day transmits an official report published in the Russian newspapers, stating that Trotsky has been exiled from Russia for his anti-Soviet activities.

At first, Moscow sought to deny the story of Trotsky's departure, but a message from Constantinople states that there is not the slightest doubt that Trotsky is at present in the city.

Further confirmation is obtained from Berlin, where it is authoritatively stated that Herr Loeb, the President of the Reichstag, has received a telegram from Trotsky, stating that he has asked the German Consulate for a permit to go to Germany.

Herr Loeb, it is understood, has handed the telegram to the Cabinet with a recommendation that a permit should be granted.

BESSARABIAN QUESTION SOLVED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Moscow, February 19th.—A semi-official investigation has resulted in the statement that the East European anti-war pact has solved the Bessarabian question, as has been suggested widely. The possibility of war adherence, however, is excluded.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR OPENS.

PRINCE'S APPEAL TO AID UNEMPLOYED.

PREMIER'S OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 19th. The British Industries Fair, which is in two sections, one at London and the other at Birmingham, opened without ceremony this morning. Both the exhibition in London and that in Birmingham were crowded all day with foreign buyers.

So great is the foreign interest in the Fair, indeed, that within an hour of the opening this morning, buyers of at least sixteen foreign countries visited the London Section, where, on eight miles of stands, the best products of British brains and hands are on view.

Polyglot Catalogues. Organised by the Department of Overseas Trade, this year's fair is the biggest display of British goods ever held.

Foreign buyers will be of so many different nationalities that the list of goods in the catalogue has been printed in eight different languages, and, for the assistance of the exhibition in taking orders, tables of monetary values have been prepared showing the equivalent to the pound sterling in forty different countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

One of the most picturesque departures is that of the British Dominions, who are making known the facts about their fruit and other agricultural products.

An order for honey worth nine thousand pounds sterling was placed early in the day by Germany for medical purposes.

The remarkable point about these Dominions exhibits is the cleverness of the scenic arrangements, obtained by paintings and grouping of fruits and other things.

The Queen's Visit.

The Queen will be accompanied by the Prince of Wales when she visits the fair to-morrow. Birmingham, or the heavy section of the Fair, was opened by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. At a subsequent luncheon, Mr. Amery, the Secretary for the Dominions, said the Fair continued to make headway and was fulfilling a national use. The fact that British manufacturers had survived so difficult a period as they had, was, he believed, bound to bring about a great accession of strength in the future, and he was sure they would march into greater prosperity.

Prince's Appeal.

The Prince of Wales was the principal speaker at the Mansion House dinner last night, which was given to mark the opening of the British Industries Fair in London and Birmingham. The Prince spoke of the value of the Fair in increasing the volume of trade. The most important problem of the present time was to find a means of decreasing unemployment, and as one who had recently had an opportunity of seeing something of the distress caused by unemployment, he could appeal to everyone in this country and also to those from the British Dominions to assist in stimulating trade.

Overseas Settlement.

Overseas settlement was one of the schemes or remedies for unemployment which appealed to him first of all to both practical and sentimental reasons. If properly handled with the entire co-operation of their kinsmen in the Dominions overseas, he could see no limit to what it could do towards helping the great problems of population and employment in this country.

The Prince said it was sufficient answer to those who questioned the value of such fairs that manufacturers went on looking for space for stands. Up-to-date salesmanship, the Prince added, seemed to be the most immediate need of British trade, so that markets could be found and a demand for the goods created.

Animal Market.

The Prime Minister said that the Fair was to-day a microcosm of Imperial trade, and it had become so in the process of its evolution—more and more year after year. They wanted to see trade of all kinds grow and increase throughout the Dominions as at home, and hoped some day to see the Fair become the great annual market of the British Commonwealth of nations.

The significance of the British Commonwealth of nations did not lie in the fact of so much of the map being painted red. It lay in the fact that over vast expanses of the world with its millions of races and hundreds of faiths and tongues there was peace, and no one dare break it. He hoped the day would come in the world at large when if two nations wanted to fight there would be some Power which would say "Move on."

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INDUSTRIAL PEACE IN AUSTRALIA.

HECKLERS EJECTED FROM CONFERENCE.

LABOUR DELEGATE WITHDRAWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SYDNEY, Feb. 19th. Thirty persistent interrupters have been ejected from the Industrial Peace Conference, which has been going on since December under Sir Wallace Bruce, and is similar to the conference initiated by Lord Melchett in England. The hecklers were particularly violent against Mr. McDonald, who is representing the northern colliery proprietors, shouting "This conference is comical while 15,000 miners are locked out."

Mr. Jeffrey, the Labour Council's delegate, caused a further stir by withdrawing from the conference. His defection, added to the fact that the powerful Australian Workers Union declined *ex officio* to participate, has weakened the conference which consists of twenty employers delegates and seventeen workers. The conference is the outcome of the British Financial Mission.

NATIVE QUESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SMALL HOPE FOR NEW BILLS.

SMUTS' ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CAPETOWN, Feb. 19th. The Native Bills reached their second reading at a joint sitting of Parliament, when General Smuts moved their reference to a National Convention for the comprehensive survey of the native question.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday, allowing a week for debate, but as General Hertzog only obtained leave to introduce the Bills by a majority of eight in the joint sitting, the chance of obtaining the required two-thirds majority is manifestly very slender.

General Smuts declared that he got the strongest impression from the Government's attitude that they did not want to solve the native question, but wished to use it to make political capital.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

THIRD READING IN THE COMMONS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 19th. The Local Government Bill, by which it is hoped to relieve rates on industry and reform the system of local government in the British Isles, was read a third time in the House of Commons to-day, 223 voting for and 113 against.

A Labour amendment for the rejection of the Bill was defeated. The Measure now goes to the House of Lords.

WRECK ON ALASKAN COAST.

RESCUES BY DOLLAR LINER.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Dutch Harbour, Alaska, February 19th.—With the steamer Alloway but a few yards from the beach of Unimak pass all but one man had been taken from the stricken vessel and were safe aboard the Dollar freighter Montauk. The name of the man left on the ship was not given in radio dispatches received here. His 33 companions fought their way in lifeboats to the Montauk 500 yards away.

Seattle, February 19th.—Caught in a terrific tide rip in Unimak pass with the giant sea of a dying southeast gale forced to "mountainous heights by the drive of the current, the crew of the disabled freighter Alloway abandoned ship to-day, and took to their lifeboats, following the towline of the freighter Montauk, which was taking their ship to Dutch Harbour. The message telling of the rescue came by naval radio to the Canadian-American Shipping Co. this afternoon.

Stable Conditions.

There were to-day signs of more stable conditions and of better trade. They wanted stable conditions, stable currencies and better trade in all countries of the world. There could be no such thing as happy and prosperous trade in one country alone. We trust that this year may see a gradual emerging from the slough of depression in which too many of the nations in past years have been fast bound and fettered.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN EUROPE.

PERILS OF THE THAW.

BRITAIN STILL IN GRIP OF ICE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSY, Feb. 19th. Except in the west, the temperature in most places in Britain rose yesterday, but there was frost again last night and the official forecasts give no indication that a general thaw is imminent. Skating is still being enjoyed on frozen lakes and ponds in and around London and in the Fen country, and in the Lake District vast stretches of ice are still available, while frozen rivers and canals in the eastern counties afford many miles of skating. Although the flames in frozen over in its upper reaches the thickness of the ice is so variable as to make skating unsafe. Practically all roads throughout England are now passable, accumulations of snow and ice having been cleared, but in Devonshire where there is from six to eight inches of snow on the main roads travelling is treacherous, and in Wales most of the main roads are still impassable.

Warmth in Italy. Although, however, the thaw has not yet arrived in England, the cold snap has ended in Italy, where a thaw is everywhere asserting itself. The temperature in Rome yesterday was very mild. The Arctic wave has abated in Budapest, and the train service is being restored. The first Vienna express for many days left this morning. Disastrous floods are occurring in many districts.

There were fresh blizzards in parts of Yugoslavia yesterday which again interrupted railway traffic on the Belgrade-Zagreb and Belgrade-Nish lines.

DEATH OF BRITISH ADMIRAL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 19th. The death is reported from Nisnag, the Bahaman of Admiral Sir Francis Charles Bridgeman, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., Vice-Admiral of the Lord of the Kingdom.

LORD HOLLENDEEN DEAD.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 19th. The death is announced of Lord Hollenden, a director of John and Richard Morley, warehousemen. He was also a director of the Bank of England and Governor from 1903 to 1909.

Telegrams in Brief.

The Committee of Experts on Reparations have held a further meeting in Paris to examine certain questions left in abeyance last week, connected with the general aspect of the economic and financial situation of Germany given by the German delegation. These questions bear more particularly upon Germany's trade account.

President Coolidge has issued an order on behalf of the American Government regulating the flight of foreign aircraft over the Panama Canal Zone. Foreign aircraft must travel by a specified route and must land at a certain spot before leaving the Zone. Machines must not carry arms or war material, nor take photographs of any kind.

The well-known aviator, Paillard de Briz, has started on his flight to Saigon, by stages. His object is to establish a commercial mail service to Indo-China. He landed at Tunis at 7.37 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

The Cuban Agricultural Department has issued a statement to the effect that the Cuban sugar-grinding season will conclude on March 25th, with a total output of 4,500,000 tons.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Robert Harcourt, Mr. Herbert G. Williams, the Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, stated that during the last quarter of 1928, there was a substantial improvement in British trade with China as compared with the previous quarter.

A message from Amsterdam states that owing to temporary difficulties with regard to landing grounds, flights between Amsterdam and Batavia have been stopped until April. It is also intended to stop flights from June to October owing to the fact that many aerodromes cannot be used during those months owing to the weather conditions.

Among the many new series issued in Yugoslavia is one which orders all officials of the various Ministries to attend church on Sundays and holidays.

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CRICKET.

NAVY v. ARMY.
AN EXCITING FINISH.

As I hinted in my remarks of yesterday the scoring of 113 runs in the fourth innings gave the Army a pretty difficult task and when they lost two wickets on the Monday night it did not make things easier.

The game was resumed just after 2 p.m. yesterday and the overnight not-outs took the score to 38 when Mott was bowled. Lightfoot and Wyatt, however, made things look better with 50 up for three, but Wyatt had not yet started to score runs. Then Lightfoot was l.b.w. to one which he may have played. The umpire, however, thought otherwise. Then Wyatt and Dobbie made things comparatively simple by taking the score to 73 when Dobbie was bowled by one that never rose an inch. It appeared he had just removed a large plinth and the next ball pitched on the edge of the hole. Then a series of disasters befell the Army. Wyatt was bowled by a slow one from Large, who also got Swayne's wicket at the same total. The eighth wicket put on a valuable eleven of which Miles made ten—chiefly composed of two clumps for four. Burton then rather took charge. With Rickman he took the score to 104, and then the latter was bowled by a beauty from Watch. Whitfield alone remained, but he proved equal to the task of defence and a couple of two's and four singles gave the Army the victory by one wicket.

It was a most exciting finish to a match which—it must be admitted—showed better bowling than batting. But then the state of the wicket is responsible for that a good deal. I am quite sure. The Navy deserve great credit for their gallant effort, while the Army proved that they could keep their heads at a pinch. Burton's innings was a model one from the point of view of pulling the game off quietly by singles and twos, when it was risky to go for fours.

Royal Navy.
 1st innings 93
 2nd innings 147
Army.
 1st innings 129
 2nd innings 147

Second Innings of Army.
 Capt. Evers, c Parkhurst, b Baker 1
 Bandsman Mott, b Baker 21
 Pte. Goodall, c Abelson, b Watch 0
 Lt.-Col. Lightfoot, l.b.w., b Baker 29
 Lt.-Col. Wyatt, b Large 14
 Capt. Dobbie, b Baker 5
 Lt. Rickman, b Watch 5
 Lt. Swayne, b Large 0
 Lt. Corp'l. Miles, b Baker 10
 Lt. Burton, not out 13
 Pte. Whitfield, not out 3
 Extras: Byles 6; leg byes 3; 9

Total (for 9 wks.) 1112
 Fall of wickets—1/3; 2/13; 3/38; 4/55; 5/73; 6/77; 7/77; 8/88; 9/104.
Bowling Analysis.
 O. M. R. W.
 Comdr. Baker 21 3 59 5
 Pay-Lt. Watch 12 1 28 2
 A.B. Large 8 3 18 2

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES SHIELD.

Senior—Semi-final.

To-day at Sookumpoo—Kick off: 4.30 p.m. H.M.S. Kent v. K.O.S.B. Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A.

THE ENGLISH CUP COMPETITION.

DRAW FOR SIXTH ROUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 18th.

The draw for the Sixth Round of the Football Association Cup Competition was made in London to-day, resulting as follows:

Blackburn R. v. Bolton Wanderers.

Aston Villa v. Swindon or The Arsenal.

Chelsea or Portsmouth v. Bournemouth or West Ham.

West Brom. A. v. Huddersfield.

Matches are to be played on March 2nd.

League Football.

In the First Division of the English League to-day, Burnley and Bury played a goalless draw at Burnley, while the Wednesday at home to Derby County won easily by five goals to nothing.

FANLING PAPER HUNT.

The Paper Hunt arranged by the Fanling Hunt for February 24th, is to commence at 11 a.m. from Sousa's Bungalow.

LAWN TENNIS.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES AT H.K.C.C.
PROMISE OF GOOD GAMES.

There is a very fine programme to-day in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament. Several Open championship matches will be decided, of which the tie between Ho Ka Lau and H. D. Rumbhah in the Open Singles is expected to be the best drawing card. Both are well-known figures in local sporting circles and are ranked among the leading tennis players. An excellent match is expected, as there is little to choose between the two. Ho Ka Lau has better stamina and can stand the strain of a strenuous match more than Rumbhah, besides being a difficult man to beat, but the Indian plays the better all round game. It will be a match worth watching.

Three ties in the Open Doubles have also been fixed for to-day. The Lo Brothers appear against Lt. Col. Wyatt and Lt. Forster. They have practised very seriously for the Championships, so that it will be interesting to see how they will shape in their first match. The Greens play Y. Hachiuma and T. Fujieda, while the Li Brothers, a rising young couple, are matched against G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie.

McEachran, one of the leading players in the tournament, makes his initial appearance, playing A. H. Crook in the Club Championship.

The programme follows:—

Open Singles.

H. D. Rumbhah v. Ho Ka Lau.

Lim Peng Chin v. T. Fujieda.

Open Doubles.

Lt.-Col. Wyatt and Lt. Forster v. M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo.

Y. Hachiuma and T. Fujieda v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green.

G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie v. Li Woon Tsai and Li Wai Tsai.

Club Singles.

A. H. Crook v. J. S. McEachran.

Handicap Singles "A."

H. V. Parker (rec. 5/8) v. L. T. Ride (rec. 1/8).

Handicap Doubles.

Very Rev. Dean Swann and Rev. H. V. Koop (scr.) v. W. J. Clark and E. D. Black (rec. 4/8).

M.C.C. v. NEW SOUTH WALES.

MATCH RUINED BY RAIN.

WHITE'S FINE BOWLING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Sydney, Feb. 18th.

The match between the M.C.C. team and New South Wales was completely spoiled by rain and had to be abandoned as a draw. Only six and a quarter hours play was possible in the course of four days.

New South Wales won the toss and batted first, but found great difficulty in playing White, who had the fine bowling figures of 5 for 43.

The M.C.C. had reached 144 runs for the loss of 4 wickets when the match was finally abandoned.

GOLF PROFESSIONAL'S DECISION.

DUNCAN BECOMES A FREE LANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 18th.

The famous British golf professional George Duncan has announced that he has severed his connection with the Wentworth Club.

He intends, he says, to play as a free lance, giving himself greater freedom for the championships and the various tournaments, and facilitating his work as the captain of the British Ryder Cup team, which is meeting the American professionals this year.

BRITISH ICE-SKATING RACE.

HORN RETAINS AMATEUR TITLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 18th.

The British amateur quarter-mile ice-skating championship was held on the Ruislip Reservoir to-day. C. Horn, of Upwell, the holder of titles at most other distances, again capturing the laurels.

The result was as follows:

C. Horn (Upwell) 1

Time: 40 2/5th secs.

G. Martin (Cambridge) 2

Time: 40 3/5th seconds.

F. Bott (Leicester) 3

Time: 44 seconds.

In a mile exhibition over a three-inn course, Horn completed the distance in 3 minutes 12 1/2th seconds, thus setting up a new record for British amateur. The previous best time held by himself was 3 minutes 13 seconds.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. G. WOLFE, C.M.G., CAPTAIN SUPER-INTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Chinese Company.

SQUAD DRILL.

Each Squad Commander will arrange for his men to resume Squad drill etc. as from Wednesday, February 20th.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, February 20th at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Lecturers—Dr. T. P. Woo and Mr. T. K. Chak.

SIGNALLING.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, February 20th at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

EXAMINATION IN PART 2.

The annual examination in Part 2 of Training Course will be resumed at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, February 21st at 8.30 p.m. sharp, under Chief Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Indian Company.

STRENGTH.

Constables R255 Sheikh Abdul-lah has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from February 18th.

Constables R294 Jethanand Vatsan and R293 Motomall Ladharam having left the Colony for good, have been struck off the strength of the Indian Company as from February 15th.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, February 19th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsu-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, February 21st. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

LEAVE.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, A. S. P. (R) has been granted leave of absence from the Colony commencing February 15th, 1929.

Crown Sergeant R402 C. A. Grimes has been appointed by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police to command this Company as from February 15th, 1929, vice Mr. E. R. Dovey on leave.

"DEFENDU" CLASS.

This will be held as usual on Monday, February 25th at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Muti.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).

Hong Kong, February 19th, 1929.

MR. AND MRS. BOWES-SMITH'S CONCERT.

AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE TO-MORROW.

The following is the programme of the vocal and piano recital which is being given to-morrow at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, with Mrs. A. Hargreaves Browne as accompanist:—

1.—Three Old Italian Songs:—

(a) Se tu m'am, se tu sospiri Bergolesi.

(b) Caro mio ben Giocondi.

(c) M'ha preso alla sua zaga Paradies.

2.—(a) Improvvisi in F sharp.

(b) Etude in E Minor.

(c) Prelude in E.

(d) Prelude in C Sharp Minor.

(e) Valse in A Flat Chopin.

3.—Three Operatic Arias in English:—

(a) Santuzza's Aria from Cavalleria Rusticana Leoncavallo.

(b) Mimì's Aria from La Bohème Puccini.

(c) Butterfly's Aria from Madame Butterfly Puccini.

4.—Etudes Symphoniques Schumann.

5.—Four English Songs:—

(a) The Lament of Isis Granville Bantock.

(b) Lullaby Cyril Scott.

(c) Good-bye, Dear Heart A. M. Bowes-Smith.

(d) Love went a-riding Frank Bridge.

6.—(a) Prelude in G Flat Rachmaninoff.

(b) Prelude in G Minor Rachmaninoff.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. DRAW WITH "VARSITY."

Playing at King's Park yesterday afternoon the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI. drew with the University 1st XI. the score being one goal each.

A PUZZLED JURY.

CONFUSED VERDICT IN SHATIN CASE.

SENT BACK TO RECONSIDER.

A very unusual incident took place yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the jury having to retire twice to consider their verdict in the case in which four Chinese were indicted on charges of robbery and child stealing.

The four prisoners were alleged to have raided a matted in Shatin and, after binding and gagging the inmates, stealing some articles of small value and kidnapping a boy and a girl, both five years of age. One of the children was subsequently recovered by the Police and the other is still missing.

The first prisoner denied all the charges. The second man said he did not take part in the robbery, but admitted receiving a girl and taking her to another house. He did not know that she had been kidnapped. The third accused denied the charges, but admitted that five pawn tickets found on him were his. One of these pawn tickets referred to a bed quilt, which was part of the loot, and in explanation of how he got the ticket, he said that one day while having tea in a Chinese eating house his hands became greasy, and he began looking about for a piece of paper to wipe them. He looked under his table and, found the pawn ticket. He kept it, "and that was my serious mistake," he added.

The fourth man admitted his guilt.

Sub-Ins. Vincent of the Finger Print Department said that the first prisoner was convicted on November 12th, 1927, and was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour for stealing.

After his Lordship's summing-up, the jury retired for 45 minutes to consider their verdict. When they re-assembled, the foreman of the jury said that in the case of the first and second prisoners they were unanimous that both were "Not Guilty" on all charges.

With regard to the third prisoner, they found him "Guilty" on the charge of robbery, by a majority of 6 against 1. On the charges of child-stealing, they were unanimous that prisoner was "Not Guilty."

His Lordship said that the jury understood the position. A gang of men went into a house, robbed the inmates and stole two children. It was one crime, and if the prisoner was guilty of robbery, he must be guilty of participation in the other offences.

The foreman of the jury replied that they had not discussed that point of view. His Lordship directed them to re-consider their verdict. They retired for 15 minutes for the second time, and before returning a verdict against the third prisoner on the charges of child-stealing, they told his Lordship that they were not sure on that point. They found the prisoner was implicated they could not be sure whether it was he who actually stole the children. His Lordship said that if they found the prisoner was implicated, he must be guilty, because it was a gang robbery.

The jury accordingly entered a verdict of "Guilty" by a majority of 6 to 1. In the case of the fourth prisoner, an unanimous verdict of "Guilty" on the charge of robbery was returned, and the two counts of child stealing he was also found guilty by a majority vote of 6 to 1.

At the stage the foreman of the jury said that he hoped it would not be too late to amend their decision in the case of the first and second prisoners. With regard to them, the jury found that they were also implicated in the child stealing at a later stage. They found prisoners were not at Shatin at the time of the robbery but sometime later, they had received the stolen children.

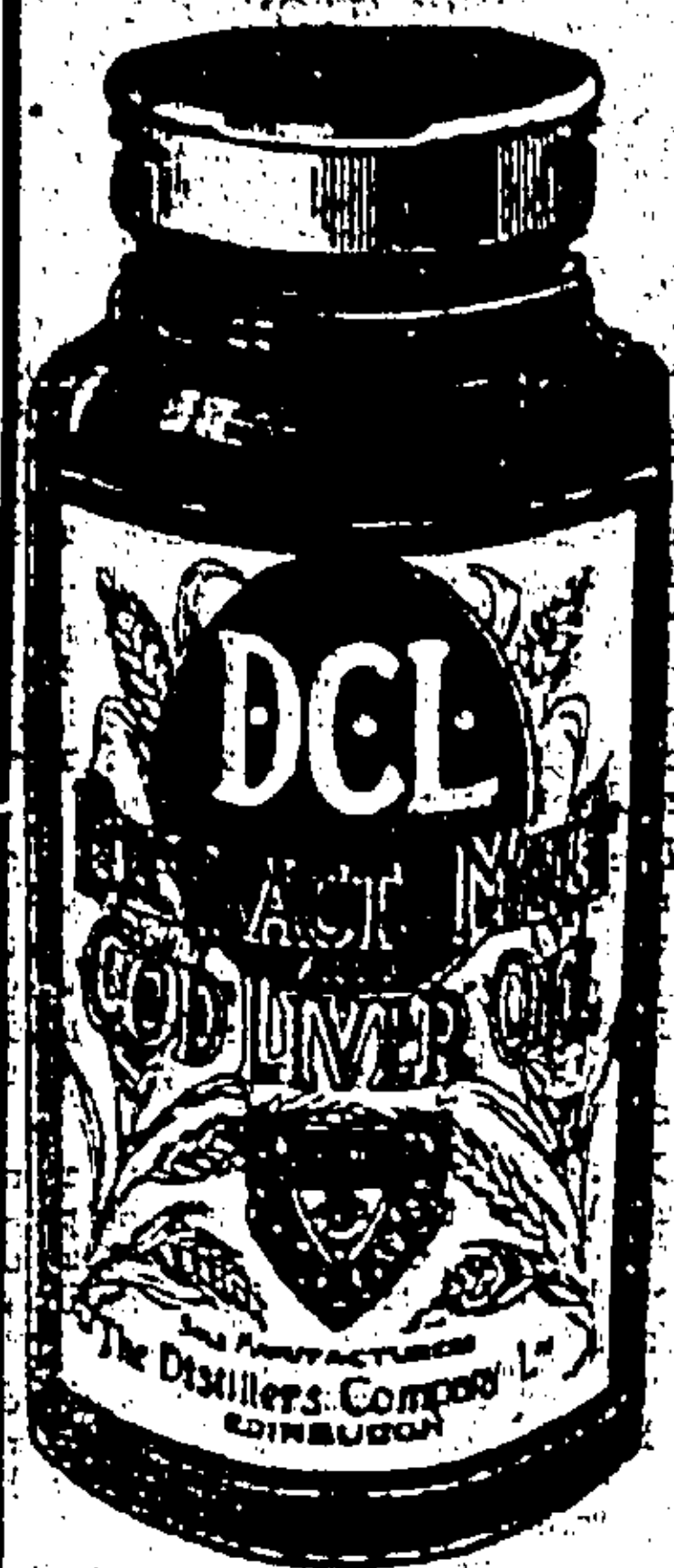
His Lordship addressing the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, said that he could bring the two men up again if he desired on another charge. Mr. Holmes replied that in view of what had been said, other proceedings against the two prisoners would be considered. Two prisoners were accordingly discharged, and sentence on the other two was deferred until Friday afternoon.

CIRCUS JOCKEY'S MISSING COAT.

FINDING'S NOT KEEPING.

A thief's curiosity to see the show led to his arrest near Harcourt's Circus tent. Mr. W. Jenkins, a jockey at the Circus, laid his coat aside while he was at work training the ponies. The article was missed, but it was not long after it was seen being worn by a man in the crowd watching the exercise.

When he was charged before Mr. E. W



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WOMAN CURED AFTER 25 YEARS SUFFERING BY POO ON CHINESE HERBS. FIVE IN ONE FAMILY RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Mrs. F. Meinhardt, who resided at 15, H. Street, Modesto, Cal., U.S.A., says:—"For 25 long years I suffered with severe pains in my left side that at times confined me to bed for days. I was unable to do my work or move about. Along with these came dropsy and stomach trouble. I was unable to eat very much without causing gas and distress. Words cannot express my suffering during these years. My husband spent thousands of dollars seeking relief for me. I have been to scores of doctors, many of whom were rated as specialists of high standing, but none was able to tell me what was the trouble and relieve me. Almost every time I went to a doctor I was advised to have my side operated upon or a change of climate for my dropsy and stomach trouble. Fortunately I was not operated upon but my family and I have spent years seeking a climate or medicine that would help me. We left our home at Kansas and travelled to Alabama, Oregon and California, and there consulted many specialists of these States, but without avail. I have never gotten any better during these years of travelling and doctoring, but became worse and more discouraged as everything failed. Thinking a dry climate would help, we decided to try San Joaquin Valley and came to Modesto to reside. It was here after a time that I heard of the great benefit of the Poo On Chinese Herbs and the great cures accredited to them. At first I was sceptical and doubtful and thought that they were another panacea. But I decided to go, thinking in my distress, that there was a possible chance left. At the time I went I weighed 125 pounds and to-day I weigh 175 pounds. I must say that the result of taking Poo On Chinese Herbs must have been miraculous to me. After taking the Herbs I was first entirely cured of dropsy and stomach trouble and, after more treatment, the pain in my side left and has never returned. I have never felt better all my life than I do to-day and I own nothing but thanks and gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs and Yee Foo Lun, the Herbalist.

After years of suffering and after the enormous expense of travelling and the endless doctors' bills, there is nothing that I can do but speak good for the Poo On Chinese Herbs and heartily recommend them. Four other members of my family have also been cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs, which caused me to endorse them more strongly. My husband, who was suffering from a sore on his lip that was painful and troublesome, and as he was a heavy smoker we believed that it was turning to smoking cancer. He consulted the herbalist and was given some remedies and he was entirely cured and the sore has gone.

My boy Edward, aged 17, was troubled with a pain in his side which caused collapse when he did hard work. We had to see that he was exempted from High School exercises because the pain caused him to drop out. The doctor said that he had appendicitis and that it would be necessary to operate if he expected to be well again. We decided to try Poo On Chinese Herbs and after a few treatments the boy became well and is now able to do all kinds of hard work without any more pain.

Another of my boys, Fred, aged 21, had suffered many years with catarrh and became worse as time went on. He tried many treatments and remedies without result but we can say that after taking some Poo On Chinese Herbs he was completely cured and has never been troubled since.

My daughter Blanch, a few years ago, fell and hurt her side very severely and since that time she was troubled with pain in her side and was unable to find anyone or anything that would help her. The poor girl suffered so much that she had to quit work. A few treatments with the Poo On Chinese Herbs and the girl has been feeling normal ever since.

My whole family cannot express in words its gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs. They have brought health and happiness into our home and have stopped the seemingly endless doctors' bills. We all heartily commend Poo On Chinese Herbs and have sent many friends to the Herbalist and in every case they have been benefited by Poo On Chinese Herbs.

(During this interview regarding this story taken by a special representative of the newspaper, Mr. F. Meinhardt, Sr., was present and said: "We are glad to tell anyone what Poo On Chinese Herbs have done for my family.")

Thousands suffering from catarrh, bronchial and throat trouble, asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach trouble, indigestion, constipation, gastritis, piles, fistula, heart and skin disease, eczema, scrofula, nervousness, insomnia, obesity, kidney and bladder trouble, diabetes, rheumatism, neuralgia, dropsy, pyorrhea, epileptic fits, paralysis, tumours, ulcers, pimples, family trouble, dizziness, headaches, and many other chronic diseases, have been restored to health and happiness, without poisonous drugs, or the knife by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations yesterday for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Hung To	\$8.89
New Moon White	7.90
Green Birds	7.95
Green Seal	7.93
Green Elephant	6.84
Green Bell	6.28
Blue Seal	6.11
Red Seal	7.72
Blue Seal Brewer	6.36
Red Peach	7.88
Red Seal Glutinous	6.14
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 18 coarse powdered	\$7.45
No. 20 coarse powdered	7.24
No. 24 coarse powdered	7.63
Big coarse powdered	7.63
Miscellaneous.	
Tea Seed Oil	\$22.80
Red Beans	38.00
Red Beans	8.20

CANTON COTTON YARN REPORTS.

According to the Canton Gazette the cotton market was quite brisk last week. Several orders have been placed for Chinese yarns and many enquiries made. Quotations were about 15 per cent. higher than last year. Stocks are at present short.

Quotations at Monday's market in Canton were as follows:—

	Per Bale.
No. 42 Five Sols	\$565
Ful Hee	528
Butterfly	534
No. 32 Pine Deer	468
Tin Koon	450
Double Horse	439
No. 20 Good Harvest	399
Ng Fook	298
City of Gold	327
Man Clock	318
Globe	320
Shepherd	327
No. 16 Ful Kwei	300
City of Gold	338
Man Clock	319
No. 12 City of Gold	292
Peacock	298
Tramcar	280
Aeroplane	280
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	282
City of Gold	266
Lotus Bee	254
Three Sheep	255
No. 8 Lion	218
Lion No. 2	200

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at Monday's market for rice, sugar, flour and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Black Dragon White	\$10.50
Green Seal White	10.80
Blue Anchor White Long	10.80
Red Pearl White Long	11.10
Blue Lion Siam	10.25
Green Lion	10.00
Three-Marks White	9.75
New Moon White	9.75
Red Petch Siam	10.00
Red Seal No. 3	10.08
Blue Seal No. 3	9.45
Chai Mee Native White	11.60
See Mui Native White	10.60
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered	\$8.35
No. 3 coarse powdered	8.00
No. 20 coarse powdered	8.10
No. 1 Granulated	10.50
No. 1 Refine Granulated	11.00
Waichow Native White	8.80
Saig Mo Native Candy	8.00
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.15
Five Swallows	4.08
Silver Seal	4.15
Dog's Head	4.40
Banana	4.10
Cabbage	4.40
Cheung Luk	4.10
Qanton	4.70
Maise	4.53
Sword of Kwantai	4.20
Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut	\$24.70
Fanchi	24.00
Mia How	24.00
Tientsin	24.00
Dairen	25.60
Kwangsi Wood	29.40
Kwangsi Tea Seed	18.10

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	CANTON, Feb. 18th.
Water Works	\$3.90
Electric Power & Light Co.	4.70
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.50
The Sun Company	7.80
Sincere Company	10.10
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.30
Canton Tramways	2.60
China Merchants S.S. Nav. Co.	5.80
Central Bank	4.50

CANTON KEROSENE OIL. LATEST QUOTATIONS.

	CANTON, Feb. 18th.
Comet Brand	\$7.50
New Balance	7.70
New Hang Fook	7.40
Eagle Brand	7.30
Cheung Hee	7.40
Day Break Brand	7.30

AMERICAN COTTON.

INCREASED DEMAND FROM CHINA.

Messrs. Perath & Co. have handed us a following letter from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool, of January 17th:—

Since our last report, prices have declined about 15 points. The market has again been very quiet, but the undertone remains good.

A steady tone has prevailed in the Manchester market, and spinners and manufacturers have shown a tendency to harden quotations. Many producers are more favourably situated than a month ago.

A good enquiry for piece-goods has been received, and there has been a larger demand for China, whilst the news regarding the last Shanghai auction sales is again encouraging. It is felt that the increased demand from China is not only due to the boycott of Japanese goods, but also to the improved political situation, which is likely to lead to permanently better trade. The Indian demand has, however, not developed to the extent which had been expected.

As regards trade in America, our advice is not very encouraging. It is reported that cloth sales are still below current production, which is, however, said to be not far off capacity.

The basis for staple cotton has suffered a little in the South, and offerings from Texas are higher, except for low grades which are being sold freely.

The American consumption during December was returned by the Census Bureau as 534,000 bales, against 544,000 bales last year, making a total of 2,783,000 bales since the beginning of the season, as compared with 3,043,000 bales for the same period last year.

The weekly figures are again satisfactory. The Distribution to the World's Spinners is given as 330,000 bales, against 299,000 last year. The total so far this season shows an increase of 280,000 bales over last year.

The visible supply shows for the first time this season a decrease on the week. The total is now 5,690,000 bales against 5,733,000 last year.

According to new crop advice, there has been some winter ploughing, and it is reported that the soil is generally in good condition owing to the favourable distribution of moisture. Warmer temperatures are, however, favouring the boll weevil.

The American Government report on weevil hibernation, which was published last week, proved to be a little less bullish than had been expected, but it had little effect on the market.

We should not be surprised to see much higher prices in the Spring. With, however, American spinners pursuing their policy of buying only in weak markets, and with little evidence of any broadening of outside interest either here or in New York, the market seems inclined to pause awaiting some new development.

Empire Cotton.

The spot market continues quiet for Brazilian descriptions. An extensive business has been done in Peruvian and there has been a fair business in East Indian. Sales: 1,500, 10,350 and 610 bales respectively.

The Bombay market is quiet, and the course of prices will depend very much on the trend of American. The feature of the Bombay market during the past fortnight has been heavy buying on the part of Japan and China, whilst Europe has been buying on a fairly large scale, both for near and distant delivery. The situation of the Bombay mills is still unsatisfactory owing to labour troubles. The Indian yarn and cloth market is healthy.

Egyptian Cotton.

Since our last report, prices have declined about 25 points both for Sakels and for Uppers. Continental buying in our market has been in evidence and a report was current that Alexandrian interests were trying to squeeze Sakels in that market. Hedge sales of November have been made here against Soudan cotton.

The latest Soudan estimates give the crop of Sakel in the Gezira region as 450,000 cantars, and in the Tokar and Kassala districts as 117,000 cantars, making a total of 567,000 cantars, as compared with a crop of 471,700 cantars last year.

(Continued on next column.)

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

	Receipt, Feb. 18th.
Paris	184.25
Brussels	34.935
Amsterdam	18.19
Berlin	80.45
Copenhagen	18.30
Vienna	34.545
Helsingfors	1591
Ulsbon	109 11/10
Bucharest	319
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Shanghai	2/64
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
New York	4.85 9/32
Geneva	25.235
Milan	92.70
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.10
Prague	1931
Madrid	31.545
Athens	375
Rio	5 29/32
Bombay	1/9 31/32
Hong Kong	1/11
Silver (spot)	2 1/4
Silver (forward)	25 11/16

It is said that the Gezira crop is lower in grade, but that the staple is good.

One of our Alexandria correspondents writes that, with any advance in American, Sakels should improve in sympathy, as the position of view, is bullish, exports continuing to be very satisfactory.

Exports from Alexandria from the beginning of the season total 550,000 bales against 443,958 bales last year. The Alexandria stock is now 3,522,059 cantars, compared with 3,229,059 last year.

According to Bolton advice, good orders have been received for fine Egyptian counts during the past week, but there has been no improvement in prices. At the moment there is nothing to lead to the belief that conditions are likely to improve in the near future. Production is in excess of demand, with a consequent shrinkage in margins, and there is some talk of further curtailment of output several mills.

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Maritime Bank, A.B.	\$23 1/8 nom.
Do.	O. 2154 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$23 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$204 buy
Canton Insurance	\$6377 buy, 6300/6325 sell
Union Insurance	\$378 buy, 380 sell
North China Ins.	\$118 1/8 buy
Yongtong Insurance	\$150 nom.
China Underwriters	\$2.35 buy, 2.40 sell
China Fire Insurance	\$253 buy
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$750 buy
Donghai	\$38 buy
H.K. Steamboats	\$274 buy
H.K. Tugs	\$14 buy
Indo-China (Prod.)	\$50 buy
Do.	\$90 nom.
Shell Transport	\$57 1/4 nom.
Do.	(new) \$57 1/4 nom.
Union Waterworks	\$324 nom.
Benguet	\$24 buy
Kailash Mining Admin.	71/2 nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$14 buy
Do.	(single) \$14 buy
S'haa Explorations	\$14 buy
Shanghai Loans	\$14 buy
Do.	\$14 buy
Tonghai Mines	\$17 1/8 nom.
H.K. & S. Wharves	\$154 buy
H.K. & W. Docks	\$40 nom.
China Provident	\$4 buy, 5.05 sell
Hongkong	\$168 buy, 169 sell
New Engineering	\$110 buy, 111 sell
Shanghai Docks	\$110 buy, 111 sell
Do.	\$110 buy, 111 sell
Two Cottons	\$18 1/4 buy, 18 1/8 sell
Oriental Cottons	\$18 1/4 buy, 18 1/8 sell
Shai Cottons (old)	\$18 1/4 buy, 18 1/8 sell
Do.	(new) \$18 1/4 buy, 18 1/8 sell
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$330 buy
H.K. Lands	\$334 buy, 334 sell
Shanghai Lands	\$165 buy
Empire Realty	\$14 buy, 14 1/2 sell
H.K. Realities	\$330 buy
H.K. Tramways	\$2.70 buy, 2.80 sell
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 1/2 sell
Do.	(new) \$13 1/2 sell
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AN UNINTERRUPTED YEAR'S TRADE.

HONG KONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO.

RECONDITIONING OF THE SUI TAI.

Mr. T. G. Weall, in the chair at the 100th ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., held yesterday morning in the company's offices at Des Voeux Road, said that the company was in a sound financial basis. He mentioned the serious fire last August on the s.s. Sui Tai and the reasons which had decided her reconditioning.

Supporting the chairman were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Messrs. J. M. Alves, R. K. Babeler, C. G. S. Mackie, A. B. Stewart and Li Tse Fong (Directors) and Mr. John Arnold (Secretary).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Weall said:—

The net profit for the year under review, after deducting interest, repairs, depreciation, etc., amounts to \$105,303.68, and with the balance from last account, viz \$11,197.15, there remains for appropriation the sum of \$116,500.83.

Your Directors have pleasure in recommending payment of a dividend of 81 per cent on \$50,000 shares, absorbing \$89,000 and that the balance of \$36,500.83 be carried forward to a new account.

The Sui Tai.

The Accounts before you reflect the loss of about four months' earnings of the Sui Tai but do not include the cost of reconditioning the steamer after the serious fire in August last. The bulk of this sum is recoverable from our Underwriters but a portion will be charged to our Insurance Reserve and a sum representing the cost of improvements will be added to the book value of the vessel. These figures will appear in the Balance Sheet for 1929.

It is pleasing to note that Investment Fluctuation Account shows an increase of \$112,998.35 and now stands at \$343,331.23. It has not been considered necessary, on this occasion to appropriate any sum for Floating Staff Pension Fund or Shore Staff Superannuation Fund, which are ample for present requirements.

Your fleet and property have been maintained in first-class condition and depreciation has been provided for on the usual scale.

Sound Financial Basis.

Although trade generally in the Delta during the past year has only been moderately good and competition has been very keen, we have had a complete year's uninterrupted trading with free movements of passengers and freight. The three difficult years 1925-27 have been weathered and, although shareholders have had to forego any return on their capital, it is gratifying to note that your Company is once more on a sound financial basis and so long as peaceful trading conditions in South China continue, we may look forward to the future with more confidence.

The question of laying down new tonnage for the Macao run to meet the demands of modern conditions and increasing trade very naturally came up for the closest possible consideration after the Sui Tai fire. On examination, the hull and engines of this vessel were found to be in good condition and the damage sustained in the fire did not permit of our abandoning the ship as a constructive total loss. It was therefore decided to rebuild on improved lines with steel upperworks and increased accommodation, and on being placed once more on the run early last month, she has proved entirely satisfactory.

One of the deciding factors in favour of rebuilding the Sui Tai was that by so doing we could have a boat in commission with the loss of only four months' earning compared with fully a year in the event of a new boat being laid down.

Office Expenses.

Reference was made at the last meeting to the question of office expenses and I am pleased to say that further economies have now been effected which however will not be reflected until the next balance sheet is presented. If the present scheme can be carried out, a further saving is anticipated in 1930.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously on the proposal of the chairman seconded by Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. T. B. Tong seconded by Mr. Lo Kai Hong Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. A. B. Stewart were re-elected directors.

Following these re-elections the chairman said:—

Ever since the loss to the board through the death of Mr. Chan Sui Ki in 1924, your Directors have had in mind the advisability of filling the vacancy, but deferred

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\$3,869 WORTH OF JEWELLERY.

STOLEN FROM GLENEALY
HOTEL.

Mrs. Coote of Glenealy Hotel, Wexham Street, has made a report to the police stating that when she awoke yesterday morning at 11 a.m. she found that some jewellery which was kept in an unlocked drawer in her dressing table had been stolen. She estimates her loss at \$3,869. No arrests have been made.

A Chinese woman living at No. 11 Elgin Street has reported the theft yesterday of jewellery and money to the value of \$180.

TODAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON
350 METRES.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme (Columbia records).

10.10 p.m.—News bulletin.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

doing so, owing to the political troubles of 1925 and subsequent years. During the past year, I have on several occasions approached Mr. Li Tse Fong and also his brother, Mr. Li Kuei Chun, but presumably modesty prevented their accepting a seat on the board. However, since the report for 1928 was circulated, Sir Robert Ho Tung has succeeded in prevailing upon Mr. Li Tse Fong to accept our invitation and his election needs your formal confirmation at this meeting. I have much pleasure in proposing his election. Mr. John Arnold seconded and the election was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors on the proposal of Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded by Mr. K. Stuart Smith.

Shareholders Present.

The following shareholders were present:—

Messrs. T. P. Fong, Lo Kai Hong,

C. B. Brown, K. Stuart-Smith, J. Owen Hughes, L. S. Greenhill.

"TIP TOES."

ANOTHER BANYARD SUCCESS.

"Tip Toes," a musical comedy in two acts, was presented by the Banyard Musical Comedy Company, at the Star Theatre last night to a packed house. Long before the show commenced, every available seat was taken, and yet there were many who were willing to pay the same price for "standing room."

The play which had a most successful run in the Winter Garden Theatre in London, was excellent throughout. There was plenty of really good comedy, while the singing and dancing were admirable.

Charming little Gaye Dukes, in the role of Tip Toes Kaye, held the title role of the play. She dances and sings in a most charming manner. Playing opposite to her is Steve Burton (Jack Desmond), who, as the country boob but with seven million dollars in his name, ranks alone.

"Tip Toes" is a comedy worth seeing over and over again, and it is a pleasure to announce that it will be repeated to-night and on Saturday at 5 p.m. (matinee).

THE NAVY AND THE AIR.

PROMOTION PROSPECTS IN
THE NEWER ARM.

A change from routine studies has been provided for the sub-lieutenants at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, by the lecture given by a member of the Air section at the Admiralty, with the object of stimulating interest in the Air arm of the Fleet. There has been a growing demand for Naval pilots and observers, and as one time this exceeded the rate of volunteering. The supply is now catching up with demand, and it is not expected that there will be any future difficulty in securing as many officers to specialise in flying.

It is generally agreed that the Air branch is as likely a step to high command as any other, and that there is nothing to stop a man being both an airman and admiral.

The constitution of the Naval Air arm is at present in a state of transition, on increased proportion of Naval to Air Force personnel being the present aim.

When the relations between the two Services were considered in 1924, it was fixed that the Air Force should supply the machines and a number of the pilots, the remainder of whom should be Naval up to a maximum of 70 per cent. It is hoped that this arrangement will be stabilised soon.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

The following passengers leave Hong Kong to-day for Home

via Singapore per s.s. Sarpedon:—

Madam A. J. Van Hebel, Mrs. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Guy,

Mrs. Olive Kingcome, Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh, Master Ian Mackintosh,

Mr. H. A. Closs, Mrs. J. McHutchon, Dobbie, Mr. R. S. Chatley, Capt. E. G. Van Eerde,

Mrs. M. M. Dutton, Mr. P. A. Dixon, Mr. D. Lyon, Miss M. G. Lloyd, Mr. Eric Grimble, Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Miss H. B. Hancock,

Mr. C. J. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. P. Drummond and infant, Mr. H. G. S. Dodwell, Mr. F. J. Abbott,

Mr. H. Arthur, Miss C. J. Alano-wich, Mrs. M. Baldwin, Master Balassi, Mr. O. Burgess, Mrs. E. O. Briault, Master M. O. Briault, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. E. V. Clark, Mr. P. D. Evans, Mrs. A. E. Flemons, Master K. J. Flemons, Mr. I. I. Fletcher, Mrs. I. Fletcher, Miss E. M. J. Guleton,

Mr. and Mrs. J. Law, Mrs. M. Macartney, Miss K. G. Macartney, Col. W. J. McElhinny, Mr. A. H. Talbot, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Wall, Miss A. Wall.

The following passengers left by the "Hakuso Maru" for Japan via Shanghai on February 18th:—

Mrs. C. N. Whitehead, Mrs. N. A. McMillan, Mr. Moriama, Mrs. Woodruff, Mr. A. W. Blechynden,

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blechynden, Mr. M. Kawada, Mr. P. Ehrenstein, Mr. I. Antaki, Miss P. M. Bennett, Mr. C. R. Leaser, Mr. A. G. Tilley, Mr. Talaat R. Bey, Mr. T. Chigira, Mrs. H. Chigira, Miss T. Chigira, Miss C. Chigira, Mr. K. Katsuki, Dr. L. J. Lipset, Mrs. T. Lipset, Mr. S. Takagi, Mr. H. H. Maunder, Mr. N. J. Rodda, Mr. G. G. Graham, Mrs. A. J. Morrison, Miss J. Morrison, Master R. Morrison, Master C. Morrison,

Mr. O. C. Cleland, Mr. A. J. Morrison, Mr. E. Ugaya, Mr. E. Blochinger, Mr. S. T. Leaser, Mr. W. Schallez, Mrs. C. R. Leaser, Mr. J. G. Arberg, Mr. T. Muragishi, Mr. J. Koromatsu, Mr. S. Ohtani, Mr. H. E. Daugherty, Mrs. J. Buddy Brown, Mr. J. Buddy Brown, Mr. Frank Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy de Loach, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shiver, Miss Eva Kelly, Mr. Claude Burns, Mr. H. Morgan Prince, Mr. H. R. Jackson, Mr. F. P. Rogers, Mr. N. Stewart, Mrs. F. Burns, Mr. J. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Nakata, Miss Tura Wells, Mr. G. Borri, Mr. Chu Fung Chia, Mr. M. V. Mahapatram, Mr. Y.

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SCHOLARS STRIKE AT BRIGHTON.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CHARGED WITH
BREACH OF FAITH.

The strike of the senior school children of Patcham against the order of the Brighton Education Committee that they should attend schools in Brighton continues, says a Home paper of January 17th.

At a meeting in the village school last night the parents of the children concerned charged the Brighton Education Committee with a breach of faith.

The Committee had assured the parents that a covered motor coach would be provided to convey the children to and from the schools. This assurance was later confirmed in writing by the secretary of the Committee.

Councillor H. Hone, Chairman of the Committee, withdrew the promise on the ground of expense, and offered to substitute free omnibus tickets.

The parents unanimously decided to keep their children away from school until a covered motor coach is provided.

Mr. H. Watts, secretary of the Patcham "Ratepayers' Association, who spoke on behalf of the parents, said: "Unless you carry out your promise you stand discredited and dishonoured. You gave us a definite assurance, and we expect you to fulfil that assurance."

A few children will be sent to school to-morrow, but the majority are still standing firm.

OATH-TAKING IN GERMAN COURTS.

Berlin, February 13th.—Less oath-taking in German Courts is provided in the proposals which the Minister of Justice has submitted to the Cabinet for embodiment in the new penal code. It is proposed that the maximum sentence for perjury be one year instead of 10.

Koizumi, Mr. S. Hayashida, Mr. T. Koyama, Mr. and Mrs. G. Woodland, Master C. Woodland, Miss E. Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Sagar, Mr. N. Shiraiishi, Mrs. Sanders, Miss L. George.



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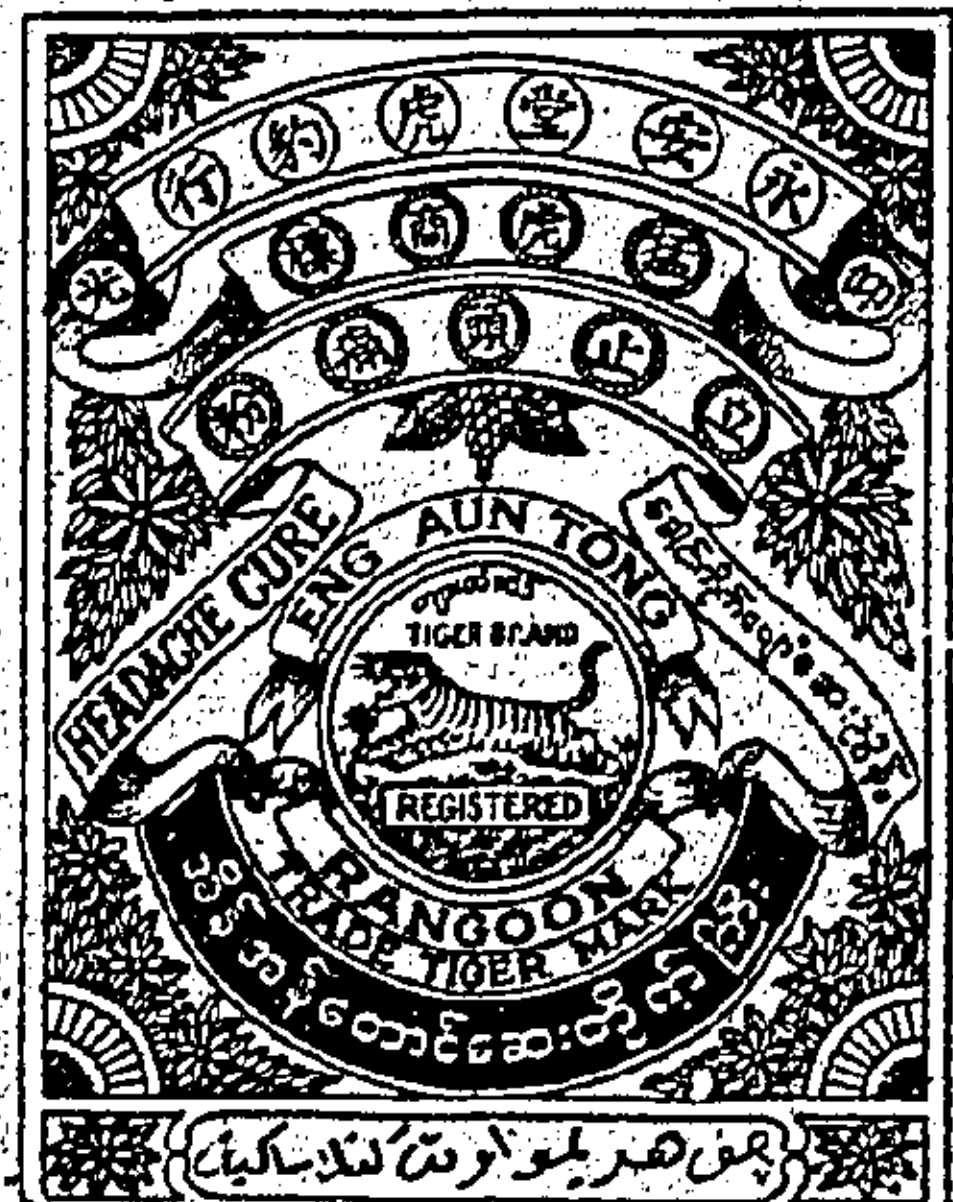
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AMOI

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Haining, Douglas, Feb. 22.
Tijmanoe, J.C.J.L., Feb. 23.
Anking, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 24.
Haining, Douglas, Feb. 24.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 24.
Tijmanoe, J.C.J.L., Mar. 2.
Tianlak, J.C.J.L., Mar. 9.
Santhia, B.I., Mar. 15.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 23.

ANTWERP

Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20.
Tanda, E. & A., Mar. 1.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Mar. 4.
Taiping, B. & S., Mar. 15.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
St. Albans, E. & A., Mar. 30.

BALTI PORTS

Alda, Melchers, Feb. 20.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 7.
Derfing, Melchers, Mar. 9.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.

BALTIMORE

Elmbank, Bank, Feb. 27.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.

BANGKOK

Kiang Chow, B. & S., Feb. 20.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Kwangchou, B. & S., Feb. 24.

BELAWAN DELI

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Feb. 23.

BOSTON

Japanese Prince, Furness, Feb. 21.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Elmbank, Bank, Feb. 27.
Rako Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Mar. 19.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.

BOMBAY

Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Mar. 23.

BREMEN

Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Derfing, Melchers, Mar. 9.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.

BRINDISI

Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 23.
Remo, Dodwell's, Mar. 2.
Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.

CALCUTTA

Takada, B.I., Feb. 27.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 2.
Umvolosi, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Namsang, Jardine's, Mar. 6.
Muroran Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8.
Talamba, B.I., Mar. 12.
Hosang, Jardine's, Mar. 18.
Taima, B.I., Mar. 18.

CEBU

Washington, States S.S., Feb. 21.
Golden Peak, States S.S., Mar. 2.
Michigan, States S.S., Mar. 3rd.

CHEFOO

Kueichow, B. & S., Feb. 21st.

COLOMBO

Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Compiegne, M.M., Feb. 28.
Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 23.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Remo, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
Antenor, B.F., Mar. 7th.
Derfing, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12th.
Havestien, Jansen, Mar. 13.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.
Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 25.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

COPENHAGEN

Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 18.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.

DALNY

Ermland, Jansen, Feb. 23rd.
Yingchow, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Goettingen, Melchers, Mar. 4.

DUTCH PORTS

Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23th.
Achilles, Blue Funnel, Mar. 5th.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
City of Pekin, Bank, Mar. 9th.
Derfing, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
City of Pekin, Bank, Mar. 9th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Havestien, Jansen, Mar. 13.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 18.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 25.

FOOCHOW

Haining, Douglas, Feb. 22.
Haiyang, Douglas, Feb. 23.

GENOA

Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Derfing, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
Havestien, Jansen, Mar. 13.
Reemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 25.

GLASGOW

Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, Blue Funnel, Feb. 20th.
Reemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.

GOTHENBURG

Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 18.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.

HAIPHONG AND HOHONG

Hanoi, M.M., Feb. 20th.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Taima, B. & S., Mar. 1.

HAMBURG

Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23th.
Achilles, Blue Funnel, Mar. 5th.
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Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 25.

HAVRE

Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Keemun, B.F., Mar. 20th.

HONOLULU

Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 23th.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Mar. 6.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 6th.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

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Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHENGTO"	On 21st Feb.	8 p.m.
BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 21st Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 23rd Feb.	8 a.m.
WHAHWEI, CANTON & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHO"	On 23rd Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 24th Feb.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & DALRY	"YINGCHOW"	On 24th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 24th Feb.	Noon
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 24th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TAMING"	On 26th Feb.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAITONG	"TEAN"	On 1st Mar.	10 a.m.

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Wladivostok	12	29.93	760.2	16	NNE	3	c	5	30.21	767.3	10	NNE	2	b	30.18	765.8	10	NNE	2	b
Nemuro	11	29.98	761.5	...	SSE	1	...	6	29.72	755.0	...	ENE	1	...	29.59	751.5	...	ENE	1	...
Hokodate	...	29.82	757.5	...	ESE	1	...	...	29.76	756.0	...	NW	1	...	29.76	756.0	...	NW	1	...
Tokio	...	29.72	755.0	...	N	1	...	...	30.12	765.5	...	W	1	...	30.12	765.5	...	W	1	...
Kochi	...	29.86	758.5	...	W	1	...	...	30.24	768.0	...	NW	1	...	30.24	768.0	...	NW	1	...
Nagasaki	...	30.04	763.0	...	NW	3	...	...	30.20	767.0	...	NW	1	...	30.16	766.0	...	NNW	1	...
Kagoshima	...	30.04	763.0	...	NW	3	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	1	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	1	...
Oshima	...	30.10	764.5	...	N	2	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	1	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	1	...
Naha	...	30.12	765.0	...	S	2	...	...	30.18	766.5	...	WNW	2	...	30.18	766.5	...	WNW	2	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.98	761.5	...	S	2	...	...	30.30	769.5	...	E	1	...	30.30	769.5	...	E	1	...
Bonin Island	15	30.26	768.5	34	NW	4	b	6	30.38	770.4	40	ESE	4	...	30.38	770.4	40	ESE	4	...
Chesoo	...	30.30	769.5	54	NNE	4	b	...	30.62	774.3	54	NE	4	...	30.62	774.3	54	NE	4	...
Shanghai	14	30.31	769.9	48	NNE	4	b	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...
Gutai	...	30.07	763.8	62	ENE	2	b	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...
Sharp Peak	...	30.05	763.2	69	E	2	b	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...	30.12	765.0	...	NE	4	...
Amoy	...	30.14	765.6	68	ENE	4	b	...	30.06	763.2	...	NE	4	...	30.06	763.2	...	NE	4	...
Swatow	11	30.07	763.8	73	N	2	b	...	30.01	762.8	...	NE	4	...	30.01	762.8	...	NE	4	...
Taipei	...	30.06	763.5	75	N	2	b	...	30.06	763.5	...	NE	4	...	30.06	763.5	...	NE	4	...
Tainan	...	30.04	762.9	77	N	2	b	...	30.06	763.5	...	NE	4	...	30.06	763.5	...	NE	4	...
Koehun	...	30.11	764.7	66	NNE	4	b	...	30.04	762.0	...	NE	4	...	30.04	762.0	...	NE	4	...
Pescadore	...	30.01	762.2	64	E	4	b	...	30.03	762.7	...	ENE	3	...	30.03	762.7	...	ENE	3	...
Hong Kong	14	30.01	762.2	64	ENE	3	b	...	30.01	762.3	...	ENE	3	...	30.01	762.3	...	ENE	3	...
Gap Rock	...	29.98	761.4	73	SE	2	b	...	30.00	762.0	...	NE	4	...	30.00	762.0	...	NE	4	...
Macao	...	29.99	761.7	73	NE	3	c	...	29.95	760.5	...	ESE	4	...	29.95	760.5	...	ESE	4	...
Holbow	...	29.99	761.7	73	NE	3	c	...	29.99	761.4	...	ESE	4	...	29.99	761.4	...	ESE	4	...
Pratas Island	15	29.97	761.1	68	SSE	2	cf	7	29.95	760.5	...	ESE	4	...	29.95	760.5	...	ESE	4	...
Phulien	...	29.98	761.4	75	ESE	2	o	...	29.98	761.4	...	NE	4	...	29.98	761.4	...	NE	4	...
Tourane	...	29.95	769.1	79	E	6	o	...	29.95	769.1	...	NE	4	...	29.95	769.1	...	NE	4	...
Cape St. James	14	29.93	769.9	77	NNE	4	b	...	29.93	769.9	...	NE	4	...	29.93	769.9	...	NE	4	...
Basco	...	29.98	769.0	82	NE	4	b	...	29.98	769.0	...	NE	4	...	29.98	769.0	...	NE	4	...
Aparri	...	29.85	768.1	90	NW	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.84	767.8	84	WNW	4	b	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Vigan	...	29.82	767.5	90	SW	3	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Manila	...	29.82	767.5	90	SW	3	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Legaspi	...	29.79	765.6	81	NE	4	o	...	29.82	767.8	...	NE	4	...	29.82	767.8	...	NE	4	...
Calbayog	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Tacloban	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Boho	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Cebu	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Surigao	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Salapa	...	29.79	765.6	75	E	2	o	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Gram	12.22	29.82	767.5	...	NE	4	o	4.22	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Yap	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Palew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...	29.85	768.1	...	NE	4	...
Labuan	14	29.80	766.9	84	NE	2	b	5	29.82	767.4	...	NE	4	...	29.82	767.4	...	NE	4	...

February 1929, 11h. 15m.—The anticyclone has weakened and moved into the Yellow Sea; the depression is crossing Japan to the south of Hokkaido.
Fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.96 inches, against an average of 2.53 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 20th.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamock ...
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Barometer	Therm.	Humid.	Wind	Force	Weather	Rain
30.01	30.04	59.8	ENE	5	E	0.0
30.01	30.04	59.8	ENE	5	E	0.0

Highest open-air Temperature, 15th: 68
Lowest open-air Temperature, 19th: 59
B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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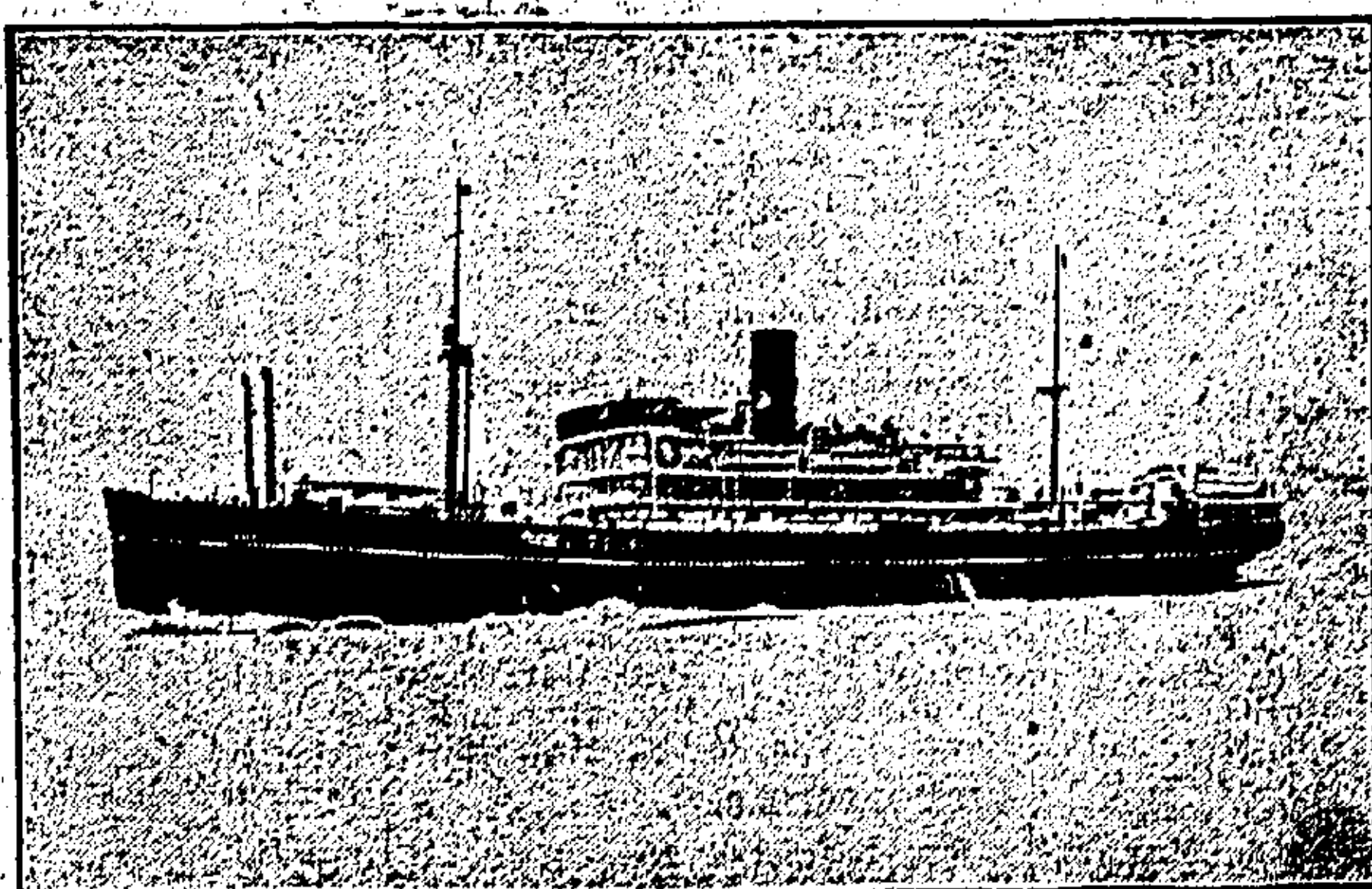
High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water
Wed.	20	8 54	4 01
Thur.	21	9 28	4 18
Fri.	22	10 02	4 35
Sat.	23	10 36	4 52
Sun.	24	11 10	5 09
Mon.	25	11 44	5 26
Tues.	26	12 18	5 43

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TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG" "YATSHING" "HANGSANG" "KWONGSANG" "KWAISANG"	Wed. 20th Feb., at 7 a.m. Sun. 24th Feb., at 7 a.m. Wed. 27th Feb., at 7 a.m. Sun. 3rd Mar., at 7 a.m. Wed. 6th Mar., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUTSANG"	Tues. 26th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"SUISANG"	Thurs. 7th Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "HOSANG"	Wed. 6th Mar., at 3 p.m. Satur. 16th Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Wed. 20th Feb., at 10 a.m. Satur. 9th Mar., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Wed. 20th Feb., at 5 p.m.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 31
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 7
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 27
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 1	Sept. 10

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 4,000 TONS:
THROUGH CARGO 17,000.

Imports for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were below average but through cargo was very good. Of twelve arrivals and nineteen departures were British.

Nine vessels discharged 8,215 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong. The best cargo carriers were the s.s. Palembang (Dutch) from Tarakan with 2,282 tons of oil fuel, and the s.s. Kasado Maru (Japanese) with 779 tons from Yokohama and Moji.

Six vessels carried 16,928 tons of general goods for through ports, of which 6,279 tons were carried by two British ships. The s.s. Sarpidon (British) from Dalny and Shanghai with 6,903 tons of general goods was the heaviest carrier; followed by the s.s. Sumatra Maru (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji with 4,291 tons of porcelain, cement and general goods.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dept.
British	2	7
Dutch	2	1
Norwegian	1	0
Japanese	6	8
Chinese	1	4
American	0	1
French	0	1
Total	12	19

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Anking (British) arrived from Singapore and Amoy with 212 tons of firewood and general cargo for Hong Kong, and 18 tons for through ports.

Sarpidon (British) arrived from Dalny and Shanghai with 6,903 tons of general merchandise for through ports.

Palembang (British) arrived from Tarakan with 2,282 tons of fuel oil for this port.

Tjisadonari (Dutch) arrived from Shanghai and Amoy with 50 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Kasado Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Moji with 339 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,306 tons for through ports.

Shinyo Maru (Japanese) arrived from Los Angeles and Nagasaki with 301 tons of potatoes and dried fish for Hong Kong.

Calcutta Maru (Japanese) arrived from Kobe and Iloilo 191 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 3,000 tons for through ports.

Deji Maru (Japanese) arrived from Taku and Canton with 231 tons of alcohol and general merchandise for Hong Kong.

Sumatra Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Moji with 408 tons of general cargo, porcelain, wheat and flour for Hong Kong; and 4,291 tons of porcelain, beer, cement and general cargo for through ports.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

OVERCROWDING A STEAM LAUNCH.

MASTER FINED \$102.

Chan Kam Sing, master of the steam launch Keng Fat was summoned before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., at the Marine Court yesterday morning for carrying 102 passengers in excess to the number allowed by his license. The launch, which is used as a ferry boat between Shaukiwan and Hunghom, carried 238 passengers whereas the permitted number is 156. Lance Sergeant Wright prosecuted and the defendant pleaded guilty. He said that he had left his boat in charge of the passengers, and that the boat told him there were only about 140 passengers on board.

The Magistrate pointed out to the defendant that the owner of the steam launch had signed a bond of \$500 for the security of the passengers on his launch and his employees had to carry out the terms of the license.

A fine of \$102 was imposed with the alternative of a month's hard labour.

Cheung Chau Ferry Mishap.

While the Cheung Chau Ferry boat, Morning Star, was on her way to Hong Kong in the early hours of yesterday morning, she came into collision with a fishing junk which was making its way out of the harbour.

The sternpost of the fishing junk crashed through the wheel house of the ferry on the upper deck injured the coxswain.

No one was hurt and the ferry was not otherwise damaged.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Two vessels brought 45 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

The following first class passengers left yesterday by the s.s. president Madison for Seattle and ports—L. Col. and Mrs. E. L. Harrold, Baron and Baroness Fould de Springer, Miss Fould Springer, Miss Perduis, Mr. and Mrs. Shum Wai Cho, Mr. W. Bader, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rust, Mr. S. O. Lewis, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Tam Yat Fung, Mr. Wong Yik Man, Mr. Ho Liu Harp, Mr. J. R. Hopkins, Mr. W. A. Hogarth, Mr. Young Haw Fung, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kuk Chi, Master Jim, Mr. Chau King Chuen, Mr. M. C. Chan, Mr. S. K. Teng, Miss E. Desroches, Mr. C. M. Wentworth, Mr. C. Van Chen, Mr. Jack Su, Mr. Cheniott C. Wu, Mr. H. Y. Moh, Mr. Hubert MacGowan, Mr. Yeh Yik Tong, Mr. Jones, Mr. S. Y. Gash, Mr. R. G. Herbert, Mr. L. Stokes, Mr. A. C. Sinclair, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. F. Favacho, Capt. H. G. Reed, Mrs. E. A. Atkinson, Mr. C. S. Sum, Mr. E. Gensburger, Mr. Macbraker, Mrs. N. Crim, Mr. H. P. Crane, Mr. G. Eddy, Miss E. Garrett, Mrs. H. M. Herron, Mrs. H. H. Irling, Mr. Gordon Pao Kwa Lum, Mr. Peter Moore, Mrs. H. Cho Ming, Mr. Paul O. Myhus, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackinlay, Mr. L. B. Stiles, Mr. Y. T. Chang, Mr. Cheung Yuk Sum, Mr. Wong Mee Ying, Mr. B. (Continued on next column).

ARRIVALS.

February 18th.

Palembang, Dutch str., 1,029 tons. Capt. E. Van Erde, from Tarakan, which port she left on February 11th, with 2,282 tons of fuel oil, lying at Taikotsui. —A.P.C.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons. Capt. G. Kawamura, from Canton, in ballast, lying at buoy No. C14. —N.Y.K.

February 19th.

Chungking, Chinese str., 447 tons. Capt. Kwok Shau, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15. —Yau Lee Co.

Deji Maru, Japanese str., 2,173 tons. Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf. —O.S.K.

Kaga Maru, Japanese str., 5,860 tons. Capt. K. Agawa, from Nagasaki, which port she left on February 15th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —N.Y.K.

Sarpidon, British str., 6,719 tons. Capt. J. N. Williamson, from Shanghai, which port she left on February 15th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1. —B. & S.

Sumatra Maru, Japanese str., 5,869 tons. Capt. G. Shimura, from Moji, which port she left on February 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —O.S.K.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MALWA"	10,980	28th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	30th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	1st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	13th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	20th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	27th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	4th May	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	18th May	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	25th May	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	1st June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	15th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	22nd June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	29th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	13th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	20th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	27th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	10th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	17th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	24th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	7th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	14th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	21st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	28th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	5th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	12th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	19th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KASHMIR"	9,114	26th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Hull

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"TAKADA"	5,940	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	12th Mar.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Mar.	do.
"SANTIA"	7,754	11th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,008	20th Apr.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,936	26th Apr.	do.

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